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**Conservation Crop Rotation—328**
Conditions Where Practice Applies: all cropland land where annually-planted crops make up at least one-third of the crop sequence (time basis).

**Payment Schedule:**

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<tr>
<td>Standard Rotation</td>
<td>Acres</td>
<td>$34.20</td>
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<tr>
<td>Irrigation to Dryland Rotation</td>
<td>Acres</td>
<td>$54.11</td>
<td>$81.17</td>
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<tr>
<td>Organic Rotation</td>
<td>Acres</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td>$37.23</td>
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**Limitations:**
1. Standard Rotation—add a new crop type or perennial to existing crop rotation. Crop types include:
   A. Warm season grass-corn, sorghum, millet, warm season perennial grass, etc.
   B. Cool season grass-wheat, barley, oats, cool season perennial grass, etc.
   C. Warm season broadleaf-soybean, sunflower, alfalfa, etc.
   D. Cool season broadleaf-field pea, flax, canola, etc.
2. Irrigation to Dryland Rotation—conversion of an irrigation cropping system to a non-irrigated (dryland) cropping system.
3. Organic rotation—eligible only through the Organic Initiative.
4. If a cover crop is added to a crop rotation, payment will be made through Cover Crop (340).
5. If an additional crop type is added to an existing crop rotation and will be followed by a cover crop, then both practices are eligible for payment. Payment for incorporating a cover crop will be made through Cover Crop.
6. The annual payment will be based on a cap of 1/3 of the total payment rate of all acres in the system paid over a 3-year period. No field will ever receive more than one payment.
7. Ineligible for payment if the management practice has been previously implemented on land within any portion of the operation.

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**Cover Crop – 340**

**Conditions Where Practice Applies:** All lands requiring vegetative cover for natural resource protection and or improvement.

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<td>Traditional HU</td>
<td>Initiative HU</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cover Crop—Single Species</td>
<td>Acres</td>
<td>$23.28 $34.92</td>
<td>$27.94 $39.58</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cover Crop—Multiple Species</td>
<td>Acres</td>
<td>$33.22 $49.83</td>
<td>$39.86 $56.47</td>
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<tr>
<td>Organic Cover Crop</td>
<td>Acres</td>
<td>$0.00 $0.00</td>
<td>$70.82 $100.33</td>
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**Limitations:**

1. Cover crop planted for the purpose of improving/increasing livestock forage production must be considered a secondary purpose.
2. If additional crop type is added to an existing crop rotation and will be followed by a cover crop, then both practices are eligible for payment. Payment for the additional crop type in the crop rotation will be made through Conservation Crop Rotation (328).
3. Cover crops cannot be hayed or terminated using fall full width tillage.
4. Cover crops must be terminated in less than one year.
5. Organic Cover crop—only eligible through the Organic Initiative.
6. Ineligible for payment if the management practice has been previously implemented on the land unit.

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<td>Basic Field, One Resource Concern</td>
<td>Acres</td>
<td>$6.80</td>
<td>$8.17</td>
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<tr>
<td>Advanced Field, All Resource Concerns</td>
<td>Acres</td>
<td>$13.61</td>
<td>$16.33</td>
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<tr>
<td>Risk Prevention, All Resource Concerns</td>
<td>Acres</td>
<td>$59.09</td>
<td>$70.90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Small Farm, More Than One Resource Concern</td>
<td>Each</td>
<td>$295.70</td>
<td>$354.84</td>
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1. Basic Field—pest monitoring techniques and economic thresholds applied on a field level. Includes scouting reports and must complete WIN PST for all pesticides applied.
2. Advanced Field—pest prevention, avoidance, and monitoring techniques and economic thresholds applied on a field level. WIN PST needs to be completed for all pesticides applied. Need to complete PAMS document.
3. Risk Prevention—must use prevention, avoidance, and monitoring techniques to manage pests. No pesticides allowed.
5. The annual payment will be based on a cap of 1/3 of the total payment rate of all acres in the system paid over a 3-year period. No field will ever receive more than one payment.
6. Ineligible for payment if the management practice has been previously implemented on the land unit.

**Payment Documentation:**

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Nutrient Management – 590

Conditions Where Practice Applies: All lands where plant nutrients and soil amendments are applied.

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<tr>
<td>Basic</td>
<td>Acres</td>
<td>$3.29</td>
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<tr>
<td>Basic with Manure</td>
<td>Acres</td>
<td>$3.83</td>
<td>$5.11</td>
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<tr>
<td>Enhanced</td>
<td>Acres</td>
<td>$12.14</td>
<td>$14.57</td>
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<tr>
<td>Advanced Precision</td>
<td>Acres</td>
<td>$22.49</td>
<td>$26.24</td>
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<tr>
<td>Basic Organic</td>
<td>Acres</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td>$5.84</td>
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Limitations:

1. Basic—including composite soil testing, completed nutrient budget, and record keeping. Records demonstrate the implementation of the four R's of the Nutrient Management (590).
2. Basic with Manure—basic system that utilizes manure or compost application with commercial fertilizer applications. Includes composite soil testing, manure or compost analysis, completed nutrient budget, and record keeping.
3. Enhanced—including soil testing, completed nutrient budget, use of slow release material or nitrification inhibitors, and record keeping.
4. Advanced Precision Nutrient Management - nutrient mngt. techniques above the basic level that utilize specialized precision techniques/tools (variable rate application).
5. Basic Organic—only eligible through the Organic Initiative.
6. Ineligible for payment if the management practice has been previously implemented on the land unit.
7. Nutrient management plan required with nutrients applied in accordance with NRCS standards.
8. The annual payment will be based on a cap of 1/3 of the total payment rate of all acres in the system paid over a 3-year period. Each acre is only eligible to receive payment once.

Payment Documentation:

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**Residue and Tillage Management, No Till/Strip/Direct Seed – 329**

**Conditions Where Practice Applies:**
This practice applies to all cropland and other land where crops are planted. This practice includes planting methods commonly referred to as no-till, strip till, direct seed, zero till, slot till or zone till. Approved implements are: no-till and strip-till planters; certain low soil disturbance drills and air seeders; strip-type fertilizer and manure injectors and applicators; in-row chisels; and similar implements that only disturb strips and slots.

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<td>No-Till/Strip-Till</td>
<td>Acres</td>
<td>$23.66</td>
<td>$28.39</td>
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<tr>
<td>Organic No-Till/Strip-Till</td>
<td>Acres</td>
<td>$.00</td>
<td>$31.53</td>
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**Limitations:**
1. The annual payment will be based on a cap of 1/3 of the total payment rate of all acres in the system paid over a 3-year period. No field will ever receive more than one payment.
2. Documentation of management requirements must be maintained for each year.
3. Ineligible for payment if the management practice has been previously implemented on land within any portion of the operation.
4. Organic No Till/Strip Till—only eligible through the Organic Initiative.

**Payment Documentation:**
- For documentation requirements, refer to the practice standard and all associated documentation requirements outlined in the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG).