

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

2013 EQIP Signup

Minnesota Supplement for:
Practice Standard 328 – Conservation Crop Rotation

Supplemental Criteria

1. Payment is not authorized for any Conservation Crop Rotation (328) and Forage and Biomass Planting (512) on the same acreage.
2. For Conservation Crop Rotation, payment is authorized on eligible acres, not to exceed 3 separate payments during the term of a contract. Participants must be able to demonstrate that the applied for acres have a prolonged history of continuous annual crop. Participants receiving the Organic Conservation Crop Rotation payment are not eligible for the Annual Crop Rotation payment on any acres.
3. Payment is made after the most conserving crop (high residue and/or perennial crops) of the crop rotation is planted. Payment is made only on those acres seeded to the most conserving crop.

Scenarios

Standard Rotation

In this region this practice may be part of a conservation management system to: 1) Reduce sheet and rill erosion 2) Reduce soil erosion from wind 3) Maintain or improve soil organic matter 4) Manage the balance of plant nutrient 5) Improve water use efficiency 6) Manage plant pests (weeds, insects, and diseases). 7) Provide food for domestic livestock and 8) Provide food and cover for wildlife. This practice payment is provided to acquire the technical knowledge and skills necessary to effectively implement a conservation crop rotation on a typical cropland farm. No foregone income. Cost represents typical situations for conventional (non-organic) producers. A rotation is established that provides high residue and or perennial crops that reduce erosion, improve soil quality, and break pest cycles.

Organic Rotation

In this region this practice may be part of a conservation management system to: 1) Reduce sheet and rill erosion 2) Reduce soil erosion from wind 3) Maintain or improve soil organic matter 4) Manage the balance of plant nutrients 5) Improve water use efficiency 6) Manage plant pests (weeds, insects, and diseases). 7) Provide food for domestic livestock and 8) Provide food and cover for wildlife. This practice payment is provided to acquire the technical knowledge and skills necessary to effectively implement a conservation crop rotation on a typical cropland farm. No foregone income.

The rotation established transitions the rotation from a conventional system to an organic system. The rotation is planned that compliments erosion control, nutrient cycling, soil organic matter, and pest management via crop rotation.