

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

2013 EQIP Signup

Minnesota Supplement for:
Practice Standard 332 – Contour Buffer Strips

Supplemental Criteria

1. Payment includes seedbed preparation, seed, seeding, soil amendments and weed control as appropriate based on an approved seeding plan. Payment is for establishment and management of the area devoted to perennial cover.
2. End rows shall be established as Field Borders (386) or will have soil erosion rates at “T” or less. Buffer areas and field borders will be seeded based on an approved seeding plan.
3. Payment is not authorized for Stripcropping (585), on acres where Contour Buffer Strips (332) are authorized and planned.
4. Consult General Provision 16 for establishment weed control information.

Scenarios

Native, Income Forgone

Narrow strips of permanent, herbaceous vegetative cover established around the hill slope and alternated down the slope with wider cropped strips in between that are farmed on the contour. This practice applies to all cropland. Practice includes seedbed prep and planting of native species. The area of the field buffer strip is taken out of production.

Introduced, Income Forgone

Narrow strips of permanent, herbaceous vegetative cover established around the hill slope and alternated down the slope with wider cropped strips in between that are farmed on the contour. This practice applies to all cropland. Practice includes seedbed prep and planting of mainly introduced species. The area of the field buffer strip is taken out of production.

Wildlife/Pollinator, Income Forgone, native

Narrow strips of permanent, herbaceous vegetative cover established around the hill slope and alternated down the slope with wider cropped strips in between that are farmed on the contour. This practice applies to all cropland. Practice includes seedbed prep and planting of mainly pollinator friendly species. The area of the field buffer strip is taken out of production.

Organic Seed, Income Forgone

Narrow strips of permanent, herbaceous vegetative cover established around the hill slope and alternated down the slope with wider cropped strips in between that are farmed on the contour.

This practice applies to all cropland. Practice includes seedbed prep and planting of certified organic seed. The area of the field buffer strip is taken out of production.