

**FISCAL YEAR 2011 KANSAS
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM
ELIGIBLE PRACTICE LIST**

Ranking Category–Ogallala Aquifer Initiative¹

Practice Code	Practice Name	Reporting Units
<u>Structural and Vegetative Practices</u>		
332	Contour Buffer Strips	Acre
340	Cover Crop ²	Acre
342	Critical Area Planting ²	Acre
351	Well Decommissioning	No.
362	Diversion ²	Ft.
378	Pond ² (\$6,000/no. Payment share cap)	No.
382	Fence	Ft.
393	Filter Strip	Acre
410	Grade Stabilization Structure ²	No.
412	Grassed Waterway ²	Acre
430	Irrigation Pipeline	Ft.
441	Irrigation System, Microirrigation (Conversion from Surface) \$650/ac payment-rate cap	No. and Acre
442	Irrigation System, Sprinkler (Conversion Surface to Sprinkler)	No. and Acre
442	Irrigation System, Sprinkler (Conversion from Water Drive)	No. and Acre
484	Mulching	Acre
512	Forage and Biomass Planting	Acre
516	Pipeline	Ft.
521A	Pond Sealing and Lining–Flexible Membrane ²	No.
521B	Pond Sealing and Lining–Soil Dispersant ²	No.
521C	Pond Sealing and Lining–Bentonite Sealant ²	No.
521D	Pond Sealing and Lining–Clay Treatment ²	No.
550	Range Planting	Acre
561	Heavy Use Area Protection ¹¹	Acre
587	Structure for Water Control	No.
600	Terrace ²	Ft.
614	Watering Facility ¹⁰	No.
645	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	Acre
657	Wetland Restoration	Acre
658	Wetland Creation	Acre
<u>Management Practices</u>		
328	Conservation Crop Rotation ^{4,14}	Acre
329	Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till/Strip-Till/Direct Seed ^{3,9}	Acre
345	Residue and Tillage Management, Mulch-Till ^{3,9}	Acre
346	Residue and Tillage Management, Ridge-Till ^{3,9}	Acre
449	Irrigation Water Management ^{3,9}	Acre
449	Irrigation Water Management ⁹	Acre
511	Forage Harvest Management ^{5,9}	Acre
528	Prescribed Grazing ⁶	Acre
644	Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management ^{9,12,13}	Acre
645	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management ^{7,9}	Acre
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1	A higher payment rate has been set for any participant that qualifies as a Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher (LRF), Beginning Farmer or Rancher (BF), or Socially Disadvantaged Farmer or Rancher (SDF). LRF, BF, or SDF may apply under the ranking category specific to their resource concern, or the ranking category specifically for their historically underserved group.
2	Practices are eligible on irrigated acres that are converting to non-irrigated.
3	Eligible only if the producer is reducing current water use by a minimum 35 percent.
4	Financial assistance is authorized when this practice is installed for conversion from irrigated cropland to non-irrigated cropland system on 100 percent of the acres under the water right. Payment is only authorized on the irrigated acres and must be taken for three years.
5	Financial assistance is authorized when the practice is installed for conversion from irrigated cropland to non-irrigated grassland on all acres under the water right. (Planting will meet Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) standard and specifications for Conservation Practice 512.) Payment is only authorized on the converted acres and must be taken for three years.
6	Financial assistance is authorized when the practice is installed for conversion from irrigated cropland to non-irrigated grassland on all acres under the water right. (Planting will meet NRCS standard and specifications for Conservation Practice 550.) Payment is only authorized on the converted acres and must be taken for three years.
7	Management payment to leave brood strips in wheat stubble. Strips must be a minimum of one acre and must not exceed ten percent of an individual field. Pivot corners and fields \leq one acre are eligible in their entirety. No stubble manipulation (tillage, mowing, spraying, grazing, etc.) allowed following crop harvest until after March 31 of the following year.
8	Management payment to leave unharvested strips in hayland fields of warm season grasses or alfalfa. Harvest must start in the middle of the field and proceed outward or begin on one side and move across the field.
9	Practice will be implemented a minimum of three years. Payment will be made upon annual implementation of the practice.
10	Wildlife escape ramps required where wildlife is deemed a secondary concern.
11	Practice is eligible for the purpose of providing suitable points of livestock entry to water bodies. Permanent fencing is required in this practice to exclude livestock access from unsuitable points of entry to the water body.
12	Water Level Manipulations —this practice will be used ONLY after installation of Conservation Practice 587, in a constructed, enhanced, or restored wetland/shallow water area. <u>Drawdowns</u> will be completed in one of the three seasons annually: Early —March 15 through May 1; Mid-season —May 1 through July 15 or Late —after July 15. Water levels should (1) be reduced slowly to increase annual vegetation diversity, AND (2) have no more than 25 percent of the flooded area remaining saturated/flooded after drawdown is complete. <u>Reflooding</u> shall begin no later than August 15 and be completed gradually with all boards/stop logs installed by November 15 of that year. This practice is not eligible on rangeland.
13	Vegetation Management will be completed annually to provide optimum food and structure for migratory birds. This practice will include herbaceous weed control, brush management, prescribed burning, and mechanical disturbances to create desirable migratory bird habitat, control trees and brush, and/or control other undesirable vegetation annually within the flooded areas ONLY. <u>Disking</u> will be completed on at least 25 percent of the flooded or saturated areas AND will be completed no fewer than two times in three years. Disking will be completed January 1 through April 1 and/or after July 15 through August 15 OR after drawdowns are complete and before reflooding begins for wetland with water control structures. Disking will be completed to a depth appropriate to achieve the desired response. Conservation Practices 644 and 645 will not be paid for on the same acres in the same year. This practice is not eligible on rangeland.
14	Payment for Conservation Practice 328 is not eligible on the same acres where payment is being received for Conservation Practices 329, 345, or 346.