

**Resource Conserving Crop Rotation (RCCR) – Supplemental payment activity – CCR99 -- Texas**



**Activity Description**

**Resource-conserving crop rotation** means a crop rotation that:

1. Includes at least one resource conserving crop as determined by the State Conservationist;
2. Reduces erosion;
3. Improves soil fertility and tilth;
4. Interrupts pest cycles; and
5. In applicable areas, reduces depletion of soil moisture or otherwise reduces the need for irrigation.

**Resource-conserving crop** means a crop that is one of the following:

1. A perennial grass;
2. A legume grown for use as forage, seed for planting, or cover crop;
3. A legume-grass mixture;
4. A small grain grown in combination with a grass or legume cover crop whether inter-seeded or planted in rotation.

**Land Use Applicability**

Cropland (this does not include permanent hayland, orchards or vineyards).

**Criteria for Resource Conserving Crop Rotations:**

The resource conserving crop rotation shall include at least one of the following resource-conserving crops:

1. A perennial grass grown at least 1 year after the seeding year with at least one other crop in the rotation.
2. A legume that is grown at least 1 year after the seeding year with at least one other crop in the rotation.
3. A legume-grass mixture that is grown at least 1 year after the seeding year with at least one other crop in the rotation,
4. A small grain grown in combination with a grass or legume that is used as a cover crop, whether interseeded or planted after small grain harvest with at least two other crops in the rotation.



This activity can apply to either the adoption of a resource-conserving crop rotation (RCCR) or the modification of an existing RCCR to a higher conservation level by one of the following methods:

1. Add years of grass and/or legumes, (Limited to those rotations with a current perennial grass and/or legumes of at least one year beyond the seeding year)
2. Add diversity of crops grown,
3. Add annual crops with cover crops, or
4. Add years of a high residue crops. (Addition of high residue crops resulting in successive plantings of the same crop is not permissible.)

**Contract Criteria for Resource Conserving Crop Rotation**

1. The rotation shall cover at least 3 years of the CSP contract.
2. The resource conserving crop rotation is considered adopted when the resource conserving crop is planted on at least 1/3 of the rotation acres. The resource conserving crop must be adopted by the third year of the contract and established or planted on all rotation acres prior to the final annual payment.

**Documentation Requirements**

Planned Resource-Conserving Crop Rotation(s):

List crop rotation(s), resource conserving crops, and cover crops that will follow the specific crops as applicable for each rotation to receive supplemental payment:

Rotation#1: \_\_\_\_\_ Fields: \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_  
Resource Conserving Crop(s) to be used: \_\_\_\_\_

Rotation#2: \_\_\_\_\_ Fields: \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_  
Resource Conserving Crop(s) to be used: \_\_\_\_\_

Rotation#3: \_\_\_\_\_ Fields: \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_  
Resource Conserving Crop(s) to be used: \_\_\_\_\_

Records:

- a. Crop rotation records by field
- b. Cover crops planted