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Practice Code	Practice Name	Scenario	Unit Type	Unit Payment Rate	Payment Cap	Livestock Practice
327	Conservation Cover	Introduced Grass	AC	\$508		
327	Conservation Cover	Native Grass	AC	\$538		
327	Conservation Cover	Pollinator Habitat	AC	\$617		
327	Conservation Cover	Prairie Restoration	AC	\$792		
A (142) Fish and Wildlife Habitat Management Conservation Activity Plan is required to be completed before Sedge Meadow and Aquatic Emergent scenario can be scheduled in an application.						
328	Conservation Crop Rotation	Add Small Grain	AC	\$77	\$3,850	
Payment only eligible for the year in the rotation where the new crop is planted or established and only on the acres where the additional crop(s) are planted. Payment cap is per year in a contract.						
Rotation cannot include back-to-back low residue crops without a cover crop.						
Must be planned to meet the Field Office Tech Guide 328 additional criteria to improve soil quality.						
Low residue crops include soybeans, wheat or other small grain with stubble removed (<8 in), corn silage, etc.						
To be eligible for payment, adoption of this practice must result in an additional crop added to the rotation.						
Tillage system must meet (329) Residue and Tillage Management - No-Till/Strip Till or (345) Residue and Tillage Management Modified No-Till each year except when terminating a perennial sod.						
656	Constructed Wetland	Constructed Wetland, Dense Planting	AC	\$8,886.00		
340	Cover Crop	Grass or Cereal Grains	AC	\$37	\$18,500	
Cover Crops must be managed according to the (340) Cover Crop Standard dated November 2012 and released through FOTG Notice 212 dated January 17, 2013						
Any cover crop mix that meets the 340 Standard is eligible for payment.						
Eligible for up to three payments. Payment cap is per year.						
342	Critical Area Planting	Grass/Legume Mix-Normal Tillage	AC	\$281		
Use this scenario as the seeding component in support of practices such as Grassed Waterway.						
342	Critical Area Planting	Grass/Legume Mix-Moderate Grading	AC	\$829		
747	Denitrifying Bioreactor	Denitrifying Bioreactor	CU YD	\$41		
This practice requires an on-site engineering review and cost-estimate by a NRCS Engineer prior to being added to an application.						
554	Drainage Water Management	Drainage Water Management	NO	\$131		
Payment for this practice is per water management structure used to control water levels.						
Eligible for up to three payments per structure. All structures must be scheduled under one CIN each of the maximum of three years.						
386	Field Border	Introduced Grass	AC	\$507		
386	Field Border	Native Grass	AC	\$538		
386	Field Border	Pollinator Habitat	AC	\$573		

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393	Filter Strip	Native Species, No Fertility Required	AC	\$684		
393	Filter Strip	Introduced Species with Fertility	AC	\$561		
422	Hedgerow Planting	3 Row Hedgerow - Bare root Seedling Planting Stock	FT	\$1.18		
590	Nutrient Management	Enhanced Nutrient Management	AC	\$34	\$17,000	
Eligible on cropland only.						
Eligible only if at least one of the following 3 scenarios is not currently occurring, but all 3 will be implemented:						
1 Intensive soil sampling (Grid or Soil Management Zone = 5 AC or less)						
2 Intensively managed nutrient application placement (variable rate for P, K, and lime) for all years on all applications.						
NOTE: Variable rate does not apply to starter fertilizer for corn/wheat, N sidedress application and/or small grain top-dress (N or P)						
3 No Fall nitrogen application for Spring seeded crops (corn/soybean). Fall N application for wheat is permitted. Fall applications of DAP and MAP are permitted but not on frozen or snow-covered ground.						
No phosphorus applications allowed on frozen or snow covered ground						
No phosphorus applications allowed where soil test levels for phosphorus exceed 50 ppm.						
Only one 590 scenario may be scheduled for a land unit at any given time in a contract.						
Nutrient Management-High Management can follow Nutrient Management-Basic Management; however, NM-Basic Management cannot follow NM-High Management.						
Erosion must be controlled to "T" as documented with RUSLE2.						
Concentrated flow erosion must be controlled/stabilized as much as possible. Ephemeral erosion that forms annually should be controlled to limit nutrient transport.						
Drainage Water Management (DWM) (554) (Applies to drained land only). DWM is mandatory when feasible for the site if the site is suitable for DWM and is one of the participants management objectives.						
The 590 plan must be developed prior to the practice implementation. Cost of hiring a TSP to write, deliver and assist in updating the plan for each year is included in the per acre payment. TSP TA funds are no longer eligible for payment for new 590.						
Irrigation Water Management (449) is required to be implemented when 590 is applied to irrigated land.						
Eligible for up to three payments per contract. Payment cap is per year.						
In addition to the above guidelines, the following supporting practices must already be in place or planned for application to be eligible for this payment:						
Must be planned to meet the Field Office Tech Guide 328 additional criteria to improve soil quality.						
328-Conservation Crop Rotation PLUS 329-Res. Mgmt No-Till PLUS 340-Cover Crop (required each year only when Phosphorus, or manure is fall applied) PLUS: (see next line)						
A buffer under the following practice codes will be established along all waters bodies: 386, 393, 332, 390, 391, 412, 422, 327, or 342 within a field, or 380.						

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590	Nutrient Management	Enhanced Nutrient Management with Manure	AC	\$41	\$20,500	Y
Must meet the requirements of Basic Nutrient Management with Manure, plus either of the following:						
1 Manure applications on Summer (after wheat), Autumn, Winter or after corn silage allowed only with a cover crop, established prior to or within 2 weeks after manure application, and/or the use of a nitrification inhibitor.						
2 Eligible for Spring manure applications, only if switching manure application from Summer (after wheat), Autumn, or Winter.						
Only one 590 scenario may be scheduled for a land unit at any given time in a contract.						
Manure may not be applied on frozen or snow covered ground.						
Irrigation Water Management (449) is required to be implemented when 590 is applied to irrigated land.						
The 590 plan must be developed prior to the practice implementation. Cost of hiring a TSP to write, deliver and assist in updating the plan for each year is included in the per acre payment. TSP TA funds are no longer eligible for payment for new 590.						
Eligible for up to three payments per contract. Payment cap is per year.						
590	Nutrient Management	Enhanced Nutrient Mgmt with Tissue Testing	AC	\$54	\$27,000	
Enhanced Nutrient Management with Tissue Testing requires that the following criteria be met in addition to completing plant tissue testing according a job sheet to be issued at a later date.						
Eligible on cropland only. Must meet the requirements of Nutrient Management Basic Management.						
Eligible only if at least one of the following 3 scenarios is not currently occurring, but all 3 will be implemented:						
1 Intensive soil sampling (Grid or Soil Management Zone = 5 AC or less)						
2 Intensively managed nutrient application placement (variable rate for P, K, and lime) for all years on all applications.						
NOTE: Variable rate does not apply to starter fertilizer for corn/wheat), N sidedress application and/or small grain top-dress (N or P)						
3 No Fall nitrogen application for Spring seeded crops (corn/soybean). Fall N application for wheat is permitted. Fall applications of DAP and MAP are permitted but not on frozen or snow-covered ground.						
Only one 590 scenario may be scheduled for a land unit at any given time in a contract.						
Erosion must be controlled to T as documented with RUSLE2.						
Concentrated flow erosion must be controlled/stabilized as much as possible. Ephemeral erosion that forms annually should be controlled to limit nutrient transport.						
Drainage Water Management (DWM) (554) (Applies to drained land only). DWM is mandatory when feasible for the site if the site is suitable for DWM and is one of the participants management objectives.						
The 590 plan must be developed prior to the practice implementation. Cost of hiring a TSP to write, deliver and assist in updating the plan for each year is included in the per acre payment. TSP TA funds are no longer eligible for payment for new 590.						
Irrigation Water Management (449) is required to be implemented when 590 is applied to irrigated land.						
Eligible for up to three payments per contract. Payment cap is per year.						
In addition to the above guidelines, the following supporting practices must already be in place or planned for application to be eligible for this payment:						
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590	Nutrient Management	Adaptive Nutrient Management	EA	\$1,608		
Eligible on cropland only. Payment is per field/plot where strip trial is conducted.						
Refer to National Agronomy Tech Note No. 6 (TN_190_AGR_6) http://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/viewerFS.aspx?hid=30617 for information about setting up strip trials.						
Design, implementation and evaluation will require the participation of a qualified private or public entity such as Purdue, MRBI project partner, or other entity who has the expertise to provide this assistance.						
Eligible for up to three payments per plot.						
582	Open Channel	Two Stage Ditch	FT	\$8.49	\$32,000	
Eligible for existing constructed channels with > 1 square mile drainage area. Payment cap is per ditch system in a contract.						
Site evaluation by person with adequate engineering approval is required prior to contract obligation.						
If an (582) Open Channel Two Stage Ditch adjoins two properties with separate owners, both owners must apply on the same application in order to ensure implementation.						
In the case of a shared ditch, participants must decide how to divide the payment shares for the practice at the time of application.						
(582) Open Channel does not include the cost of seeding. Add (342) Critical Area Planting as a separate component for the seeding of this practice.						
Add (484) Mulching - Erosion Control Blanket as a separate component of this practice as needed.						
329	Residue and Tillage Management, No Till/Strip Till	No Till/Strip Till	AC	\$24	\$12,000	
A STIR rating of less than 20 must be documented to receive this payment.						
This practice must be applied to the same acres all three years in which payments are made.						
Land must have no-tilled for no more than 5 consecutive years in order to be eligible for payment based on the Indiana NRCS 329 Practice Standard.						
The crop rotation for the contract period must include at least two years of a No Till high residue crop.						
Examples of high residue crops include: Corn (grain), Millet, Milo, Oats, Popcorn, Rye, Sorghum, Sorghum-Sudan Grass Hybrid, Triticale and Wheat.						
Must develop Nutrient Management (590) and Pest Management (595) plans that are specific for a No Till system and have any component critical to the success of the system implemented the Autumn prior to the implementation of No Till.						
This is to address issues that may limit the success of No Till implementation. Payments will be provided for Nutrient and Pest Management practices as well if requirements are met.						
345 may only precede 329 in a contract where 345 is used as a transition from conventional tillage to 329.						
If a contract contains 345 and 329 as a way to transition, the total amount of payment may not exceed three for any combination of 345 and 329.						
This is the only case in which both 345 and 329 can be used on one contract.						
Eligible for up to three payments per contract. Payment cap is per year.						
Agronomy Tech Notes 1-4 are references for this practice at: http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/intranet/TechnicalNotes/technicalnotes.html						
391	Riparian Forest Buffer	Bare Root, Trees/Shrubs	AC	\$770		
390	Riparian Herbaceous Cover	Native Grass	AC	\$644		
390	Riparian Herbaceous Cover	Prairie Cord grass Restoration	AC	\$1,060		
390	Riparian Herbaceous Cover	Giant Cane break Restoration	AC	\$1,472		

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587	Structure for Water Control	Drainage Water Management, ≤10" Pipe	NO	\$1,150		
Payment is for installation of water level control structure in Drainage Water Management system for outlet sizes 10" or less.						
587	Structure for Water Control	Drainage Water Management, ≥12" Pipe	NO	\$1,649		
Payment is for installation of water level control structure in Drainage Water Management system for outlets sized 12" or larger.						
620	Underground Outlet	Blind Inlet for Water Quality (Sand and Gravel)	FT	\$56		
Eligible only when using the "Blind Inlet" design to convert existing tile risers to blind inlet.						
The drainage area contributing to the inlet must be managed using a conservation cropping system (Including all of the following: 329, 340 & 590 Enhanced) to limit sediment and nutrients entering the inlet.						
Producer must provide sufficient documentation of existing tile including diameter, type, location by map or flagging and verify the system is in working condition for the design.						
Participant must be informed that a blind inlet design is for the benefit of water quality and draw-down time will be slower than a typical tile riser. This may result in crop stress and maintenance will be required to maintain adequate drainage.						
380	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment	3 Row Windbreak, Bare Root Seedling Planting Stock	FT	\$1.07		