

**Resource Conserving Crops (RCCs) for Louisiana - Conservation Stewardship Program**

**Note:** This list was compiled from a combination of 1) NRCS Planting rates by MLRA's (NRCS FOTG, Section IV, Appendix 1a), 2) the definition of resource conserving crop provided in Resource Conserving Crop Rotation - Supplemental Payment Activity - CCR99 - July 9, 2012, and 3) the CSP Soil and Water Eligibility Tool for Cropland Applications (SWET version 4.0 - April 2008) residue categories 3d and 3e.

**RCC Definition\*** - 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 green manure; **(3) a legume-grass mixture;** or **(4) A small grain** grown in combination with a green manure crop consisting of a grass, legume, forbs, or grass-forbs mixture, whether interseeded or planted in rotation.

Crop	RCC Definition Category	Notes
All Perennial Grasses (Appendix 1a**)	1, 3	See NRCS FOTG, Section IV
Alfalfa	2, 3	
Illinois Bundleflower	2, 3	
Perennial Peanut	2,3	
Prairie clover; purple	2,3	
Prairie clover; white	2,3	
Sericea Lespedeza	2,3	
Alyceclover	2,3	
Annual Lespedeza	2,3	
Austrian Winterpea	2,3	
Clover; arrowleaf	2,3	
Clover; ball	2,3	
Clover; berseem	2,3	
Clover; crimson	2,3	
Clover; red	2,3	
Clover; subterranean	2,3	
Clover; white or ladino	2,3	
Cow Peas	2,3	
Partridge Pea	2,3	
Singletary Pea	2,3	
Soybeans	2,3	
Sunn Hemp	2,3	
Sweet clover; yellow	2,3	
Vetch; common	2,3	
Vetch; hairy	2,3	
Rice	4	
Wheat	3,4	
Oats	3,4	
Triticale	3,4	
<b>Examples of Cropping Criteria Options:</b>	<b>Category 1</b>	bermudagrass, bermudagrass, soybeans
	<b>Category 2</b>	rice, white clover, rice
	<b>Category 3</b>	corn, triticale/crimson clover, soybeans
	<b>Category 4</b>	rice, arrowleaf clover, sorghum, soybeans

\* RCCs must follow CCR99 guidance and Criteria for Resource Conserving Crop Rotations

\*\* Appendix 1a can be found in EFOTG