

CONSERVATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY

E329D



No till system to increase soil health and soil organic matter content

Conservation Practice 329: Residue & Tillage Management, No Till

APPLICABLE LAND USE: Crop (Annual & Mixed)

RESOURCE CONCERN: Soil

ENHANCEMENT LIFE SPAN: 1 Year

Enhancement Description

Establish a no till system to increase soil health and soil organic matter content. Each crop in the crop rotation shall have a Soil Tillage Intensity Rating (STIR) of no greater than 20. The crop rotation must achieve a soil conditioning index (SCI) of zero or higher. The current NRCS wind and water erosion prediction technologies must be used to document STIR and SCI calculations. Residue shall not be burned, grazed, or harvested.

Criteria

- All residues must be uniformly distributed over the entire field. Removing residue from the row area prior to or as part of the planting operation is acceptable.
- Residue must not be burned, grazed, or harvested.
- No full-width tillage is performed from the time of harvest or termination of one cash crop to the time of harvest or termination of the next cash crop in the rotation regardless of the depth of the tillage operation. The Soil Tillage Intensity Rating (STIR) value shall include all field operations that are performed during the crop interval between harvest or termination of the previous cash crop and harvest or termination of the current cash crop (includes fallow periods). The crop STIR value shall be no greater than 20.

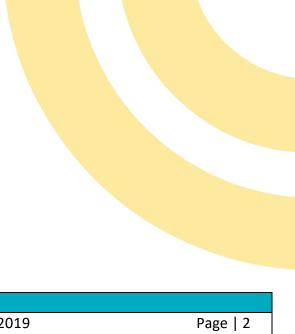
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Evaluation of the cropping system (management)
using the current approved soil conditioning index
(SCI) procedure results in zero or higher <u>and</u> results
in a positive trend in the Organic Matter (OM)
subfactor value over the life of the rotation.

CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM





Documentation and Implementation Requirements



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Pa	-			n, provide NRCS with the	e plann	ned crop ro	tation ar	nd tillage	
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Fi	ield Acres Planned Crops (in sequence)				Length of Crop Rotation (years)				
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Field		d Crop		Field Operation		Timing of Field Operation (month/year)			
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☐ During implementation, notify NRCS of any planned changes in crops, crop rotation, or field operations to verify the planned system meets the enhancement criteria.									
	Du	ring imn	lementation	n, no residue will be burn	ed gra	azed or ha	rvested		
	□ During implementation, all residues will be uniformly distributed over the entire field. Removing residue from the row area prior to or as part of the planting operation is								
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	termination of one cash crop to the time of harvest or termination of the next cash crop in the rotation regardless of the depth of the tillage operation.						h crop in		
		After implementation, if changes to the rotation were made, complete the tables above to						above to	
	dod	cument	the applied	crop rotation for the con	tract p	period and	provide 1	to NRCS.	

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	NR	CS will: As needed, provide technical assistance t criteria of the enhancement.	to meet the	CONSERVATION STEWARDS PROGRAM				
		Prior to implementation, use information provided from the participant to calculate the Soil Tillage Intensity Rating (STIR) values using NRCS wind and water erosion prediction technologies. Verify the enrolled field(s) will have a Soil Tillage Intensity Rating value of no greater than 20 for each crop in the planned rotation. STIR values for each crop =						
		Prior to implementation, use information provided from the participant and the approved soil conditioning index (SCI) procedure to verify the SCI is zero or higher and results in a positive trend in the Organic Matter (OM) subfactor value over the life of the rotation. SCI value = and OM subfactor value =						
		During implementation, evaluate planned changes in crops, crop rotation, or field operations to verify the planned system meets the enhancement criteria.						
		After implementation, if the applied crops, crop rotation, or field operations are different than the planned crops, crop rotation, or field operations, use information provided from the participant to calculate the Soil Tillage Intensity Rating values to document that the applied rotation met the enhancement criteria. STIR values for each crop =						
		After implementation, if the applied crops, crop rotation, or field operations are different than the planned crops, crop rotation, or field operations, use information provided from the participant to calculate soil conditioning index (SCI) and Organic Matter (OM) subfactor values to document that the applied rotation met the enhancement criteria. SCI value = and OM subfactor value =						
NRCS Documentation Review:								
		reviewed all required participant docume plemented the enhancement and met all			oant			
	Par	ticipant Name	Cor	ntract Number				
	Tot	cal Amount Applied	Fisc	al Year Completed				
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