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Natural Resources
Conservation Service
Salina, Kansas

Conservation Crop Rotation Plan

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Job Sheet 328

Producer: _____

For Tract(s) _____

Field(s) _____

Purpose(s): (√) **Planned Purpose(s)**

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| _____ Maintain or improve soil organic matter and tilth | _____ Reduce soil erosion from wind |
| _____ Reduce sheet and rill erosion | _____ Provide food and cover for wildlife |
| _____ Manage deficient or excess plant nutrients | _____ Provide food for domestic livestock |
| _____ Manage plant pests (weeds, insects, diseases) | |

General Specifications:

1. Crops shall be grown in a planned recurring (rotation), unless a suitable substitution crop is used.
2. Use crops and varieties adapted for your soils and region.
3. Cover and green manure crops may be grazed as long as enough biomass remains for the intended purpose(s).

Crop Yr. Rotation	Est. Yield	(√) Type of Tillage System to Establish Crop					
		Fall	Spring	Conventional	Mulch	No Till	Ridge
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Acceptable Crop Substitutions:

In some cases, due to weather, commodity prices, or commodity programs it becomes necessary to substitute different crops into the rotation or a different sequence.

The following crops may be substituted for a planned crop in the rotation. **HOWEVER**, if erosion control is your purpose, the substituted crop must be planted into the same amount of residue cover as the planned crop as specified in the chart below. NOTE when soybeans or corn silage are substituted for corn or a small grain, a wheat or rye cover crop is to be established. Wheat cover crops are to be seeded by October 20 and Rye cover crops by November 1. The cover crop is to be maintained until 10 to 15 inches tall, or until late May the following spring.

Planned Crop

Acceptable Substitute Crop

Corn (Grain)	Sunflowers, Soybeans, or Corn Silage with a cover crop, Small Grains, Grain Sorghum, Hay, Meadow, green manure crop
Soybeans or Corn Silage	Corn (Grain), Grain Sorghum, Small Grains, Sunflower, Hay, Meadow, green manure crop
Small Grains	Corn or Grain Sorghum with at least 30% cover after planting, Sunflower, Soybeans, or Corn Silage with at least 30% cover after planting, and with a cover crop after harvest, Hay, Meadow, green manure crop

Special Management Provisions for Wildlife Food & Cover:

Questions concerning these specifications and/or crop substitutions should be directed to the Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation District office (phone) _____.

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