

Section II – Nutrient, Pest, IWM, RMS, and Sodbuster Planning

Minimum Sodbuster Planning and Reporting Requirements

Minimum Sodbuster Plan Requirements

Sodbusted Cropland (as appropriate per Section III of FOTG)

- Sheet and Rill erosion to T (no crop history)
- Sheet and Rill erosion to approved ACS (with crop history)
- Wind erosion to T
- Gully erosion addressed (no crop history)
- Gully erosion that results in off-site damage is addressed (with crop history)
- All plans written must include necessary practices needed to address appropriate resource issues (listed above).
- Plan must meet all quality criteria as listed in Legislated Programs section of Section III of the FOTG.

Soil Loss Reporting for Sodbusted Fields

- No soil loss savings or increases in soil erosion are reported for first time plans being broken from sod.
- Soil loss savings may be reported if the previous system being used on cropland has a higher erosion rate than the applied system.
- Situations where before erosion rates may be higher than the after erosion rate (on sodbuster sites) could be as follows:
 1. Producer has taken over a new farm and the previous producer who was not following a plan
 2. Previous plan was not followed
 3. Sodbuster plan was never filed and an appropriate erosion control system is not in place
 4. Previous plan was not written to appropriate soil loss level (technically inadequate plan)
 5. Any other scenario where the before erosion rate is higher.