

Practice: 328 - Conservation Crop Rotation

Scenario: #1 - Agronomic Rotation

Scenario Description:

In this region this practice may be part of a conservation management system to: 1) Reduce sheet and rill erosion 2) Reduce soil erosion from wind 3) Maintain or improve soil organic matter 4) Manage the balance of plant nutrient 5) Improve water use efficiency 6) Manage plant pests (weeds, insects, and diseases). 7) Provide food for domestic livestock and 8) Provide food and cover for wildlife. This practice payment is provided to acquire the technical knowledge and skills necessary to effectively implement a conservation crop rotation on a typical 25 ac. cropland farm. No foregone income. Cost represents typical situations for conventional (non-organic) producers.

NOTE: Regarding HEL compliance and EQIP eligibility, this practice may not be eligible for payment on some fields. A field is only eligible if the scheduled rotation is documented to be above and beyond what is required for an existing HEL conservation plan or determined to be above and beyond what is required for HEL compliance on that field.

Before Situation:

The rotation consists primarily of low residue producing row crops. Fields range from nearly flat to C and D slopes. Erosion, soil quality, and pest management are the primary concerns.

After Situation:

A rotation is establish that provides additional high residue and/or perennial crops that reduce erosion, improve soil quality, and break pest cycles.

Scenario Feature Measure: Area planted

Scenario Unit: Acre

Scenario Typical Size: 25

Scenario Cost: \$612.30

Scenario Cost/Unit: \$24.49

Cost Details (by category):

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<i>Labor</i>						
Supervisor or Manager	234	Labor involving supervision or management activities. Includes crew supervisors, foremen and farm/ranch managers time required for adopting new technology, etc.	Hour	\$40.82	15	\$612.30

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Scenario: #2 - Agronomic Rotation with Foregone Income

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Before Situation:

The rotation consists primarily of low residue producing row crops. Fields range from nearly flat to C and D slopes. Erosion, soil quality, and pest management are the primary concerns.

After Situation:

A rotation is establish that provides additional high residue and/or perennial crops that reduce erosion, improve soil quality, and break pest cycles.

Scenario Feature Measure: Area planted

Scenario Unit: Acre

Scenario Typical Size: 10

Scenario Cost: \$1,790.94

Scenario Cost/Unit: \$179.09

Cost Details (by category):

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
Foregone Income						
Fl, Corn Dryland	1959	Dryland Corn is Primary Crop	Acre	\$334.10	-6.67	(\$2,228.45)
Fl, Hay, General Grass	2122	General Grass Hay is Primary Land Use	Ton	\$41.38	-13.2	(\$546.22)
Fl, Corn Dryland	1959	Dryland Corn is Primary Crop	Acre	\$334.10	10	\$3,341.00
Labor						
Supervisor or Manager	234	Labor involving supervision or management activities. Includes crew supervisors, foremen and farm/ranch managers time required for adopting new technology, etc.	Hour	\$40.82	30	\$1,224.60

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Scenario: #4 - Specialty Crops

Scenario Description:

In this region a rotation of specialty crops (fruits and vegetable) are produced as part of a conservation management system to: 1) Reduce sheet and rill erosion 2) Reduce soil erosion from wind 3) Maintain or improve soil organic matter 4) Manage the balance of plant nutrients 5) Improve water use efficiency, and 6) Manage plant pests (weeds, insects, and diseases). This practice payment is provided to acquire the technical knowledge and skills necessary to effectively implement a conservation crop rotation on a typical 15 acre specialty crop farm. No foregone income. Cost represents typical situations for conventional (non-organic) producers.

NOTE: Regarding HEL compliance and EQIP eligibility, this practice may not be eligible for payment on some fields. A field is only eligible if the scheduled rotation is documented to be above and beyond what is required for an existing HEL conservation plan or determined to be above and beyond what is required for HEL compliance on that field.

Before Situation:

This rotation consisted of growing specialty crops. Fields range from nearly flat to B and C slopes. Erosion, soil quality, and pest management are the primary concerns.

After Situation:

The rotation established adds higher residue crop(s) to the rotation that reduce erosion, improve soil quality, and break pest cycles.

Scenario Feature Measure: Area planted

Scenario Unit: Acre

Scenario Typical Size: 15

Scenario Cost: \$1,632.80

Scenario Cost/Unit: \$108.85

Cost Details (by category):

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<i>Labor</i>						
Supervisor or Manager	234	Labor involving supervision or management activities. Includes crew supervisors, foremen and farm/ranch managers time required for adopting new technology, etc.	Hour	\$40.82	40	\$1,632.80

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Scenario: #5 - Specialty Crops with Foregone Income

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In this region a rotation of specialty crops (fruits and vegetable) are produced as part of a conservation management system to: 1) Reduce sheet and rill erosion 2) Reduce soil erosion from wind 3) Maintain or improve soil organic matter 4) Manage the balance of plant nutrients 5) Improve water use efficiency, and 6) Manage plant pests (weeds, insects, and diseases). This practice payment is provided to acquire the technical knowledge and skills necessary to effectively implement a conservation crop rotation on a typical 15 acre specialty crop farm. Foregone income is for taking field out of production every third year in order to grow a cover crop that will improve soil health and break pest cycles. Cost represents typical situations for conventional (non-organic) producers.

Before Situation:

This rotation consisted of growing specialty crops. Fields range from nearly flat to B and C slopes. Erosion, soil quality, and pest management are the primary concerns.

After Situation:

The rotation established adds higher residue crop(s) to the rotation that reduce erosion, improve soil quality, and break pest cycles.

Scenario Feature Measure: Area planted

Scenario Unit: Acre

Scenario Typical Size: 15

Scenario Cost: \$6,272.00

Scenario Cost/Unit: \$418.13

Cost Details (by category):

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
Foregone Income						
FI, Vegetables	2033	Vegetables is Primary Crop	Acre	\$1,093.36	-10	(\$10,933.60)
FI, Hay, General Grass	2122	General Grass Hay is Primary Land Use	Ton	\$41.38	-20	(\$827.60)
FI, Vegetables	2033	Vegetables is Primary Crop	Acre	\$1,093.36	15	\$16,400.40
Labor						
Supervisor or Manager	234	Labor involving supervision or management activities. Includes crew supervisors, foremen and farm/ranch managers time required for adopting new technology, etc.	Hour	\$40.82	40	\$1,632.80