

# Approved Alternative Conservation Systems

## Central Illinois Crop Management Zone 16<sup>1</sup>

1. **Corn - Soybeans**  
No-till corn after soybeans leaving 40% residue cover  
No-till soybeans after corn leaving 70% residue cover
2. **Corn - Corn - Soybeans**  
No-till corn after soybeans leaving 40% residue cover  
Mulch-till corn after corn leaving 50% residue cover  
No-till soybeans after corn leaving 70% residue cover
3. **Continuous Corn**  
Spring mulch-till leaving 50% residue cover
4. **Corn - Soybeans - Small Grain**  
Spring mulch-till corn after small grain leaving 40% residue cover  
No-till soybeans after corn leaving 70% residue cover  
Mulch-till small grain after soybeans leaving 20% residue cover
5. **Corn – Wheat/Soybeans (Double Cropped)**  
Spring mulch-till corn after soybeans leaving 40% residue cover  
Mulch-till wheat after corn leaving 30% residue cover  
No-till soybeans after wheat leaving 80% residue cover
6. **Corn - Soybeans - Wheat/Soybeans (Double Cropped)**  
No-till corn after wheat/soybeans leaving 70% residue cover  
Spring mulch-till soybeans after corn leaving 30% residue cover  
Mulch-till wheat after soybeans leaving 20% residue cover  
No-till soybeans after wheat leaving 80% residue cover
7. **Corn - Corn - Small Grain - Hay**  
Spring plow corn after hay  
Mulch-till corn after corn leaving 30% residue cover  
Spring mulch-till small grain after corn leaving 30% residue cover  
Legume hay
8. **Corn - Corn - Small Grain - Hay - Hay**  
Fall Plow corn after hay  
Mulch-till corn after corn leaving 30% residue cover  
Mulch-till small grain after corn leaving 30% residue cover  
Legume hay for 2 years
7. **Corn - Small Grain - Four Years Hay**  
Spring Plow corn after hay  
Mulch-till small grain after corn leaving 30% residue cover  
Legume hay for 4 years

Note: These systems represent the minimum treatment needed to meet conservation compliance requirements but may not control soil loss to "tolerable" levels. All residue cover percents represent minimum ground cover after planting.

1. The Illinois RUSLE 2 Crop Management Zone (CMZ) map is found in Section I, E. Erosion Prediction, 1. Water Erosion, RUSLE 2. [http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/efotg\\_locator.aspx?map=IL](http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx?map=IL)