



Resource-Conserving Crop Rotation (RCCR) – Supplemental payment activity – CCR99

Options for adding resource conserving crops to meet RCCR requirements are as follows:

1. Add perennial grasses or legumes to any rotation. Perennial crops must be grown at least 1 additional year after the seeding year.
 - Alfalfa or other adapted perennial legume (refer to [Pasture and Hay Planting Specifications \(512S\)](#) for a complete list of adapted perennial legume species).
 - Adapted perennial grasses with and without perennial legumes (refer to Pasture and Hay Planting Specifications [\(512S\)](#) for a complete list of adapted perennial grass/legume species).
 - Perennial grasses/legumes must be part of a crop rotation with annual crops.
2. Add a small grain followed by a cover crop to an existing rotation with at least two other crops.
 - Cover crops cannot be harvested or grazed.
 - Cover crops must follow planting dates, seeding rates, method of planting and other requirements in [340 Cover Crop Standard](#). Specifications will be provided on the [Cover Crop Worksheet \(NE-CPA-7\)](#).
 - Cover crops which winter kill must be planted at least 8 weeks prior to the average date of the first killing frost.
 - Cover crops which over winter must have at least 4 weeks of spring growth before termination.
 - Winter annual cover crops planted following a low residue crop must have a minimum of 6-8" of growth before they are terminated.
 - Cover crop must contain at least one different crop type than the previous crop.
 - Additional cover crop requirements following fall harvested crops:
 - Cover crop must be winter annual small grain or/ winter annual small grain with legume.
 - Winter annual cover crops include cereal rye, triticale or winter wheat.
3. Add a cover crop following the small grain in an existing rotation that includes at least two other crops. See requirements for cover crops listed above.
4. Add an additional crop to an existing rotation that includes a small grain followed by a cover crop and at least one other crop.

Options for enhancing an existing RCCR:

1. Increase the number of years of a perennial legume and/grass in the rotation not to exceed 4 years. Not applicable if perennial legumes are already maintained for 4 years or longer.
2. Add a different crop to a rotation that meets RCCR requirements to increase crop diversity providing that it does not significantly increase erosion during the life of the rotation. A cover crop may be required following an added low residue crop depending on the rotation.
3. Add a cover crop following an existing or new crop to a rotation that meets RCCR requirements.

