



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

State Criteria (same as NATIONAL CRITERIA)

Additional Criteria for Nebraska

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 grass or legume green manure crop to an existing rotation with at least two other crops.

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.
 - 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.

