United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

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 2 years from the planting date.
   - 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 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 a 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.

Documentation Requirements (SEE NATIONAL ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY JOBSHEET)

In addition, complete the Table below:

To be completed by NRCS and Producer during planning					To be completed by Producer during certification	
1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**
Tract	**Field(s)**	**Acres Planned**	**Existing Rotation**	**Planned Rotation (if Cover Crop used List Type)**	**Applied Rotation**	**Acres Applied**
EX. 1	*1*	*100 Ac.*	*c-b-w*	*c-b-w-cover crop mix*	*c-b-w-cover crop mix*	*100 ac*

EX= EXAMPLE, COLUMNS 1-5 NRCS COMPLETES, COLUMNS 6-7 PRODUCER COMPLETES

C=Corn; B=soybeans/edible beans; W=Wheat; M=Milo; A=Alfalfa; O=Oats; cover crop; Others=_____

If cover crops are added to rotation complete, sign, and attach Cover Crop worksheet NE-CPA-7.

I certify that the enhancement criteria have been met and the required documentation provided to NRCS.

Certified by: _____ Date:_____