

Agricultural Cost Share Practices

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Practice	Details
Grazing Land Management with Stream Exclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stream exclusion fencing & water development. • Includes fence, well, water troughs, pipe, stream crossings, rotational fences, etc. • Covers 85% of <i>estimated</i> cost with 35' buffer & 100% with 50' buffer. • Buffer payment rate of \$80/acre/year paid upon installation of all practices. • 10 and 15 year contracts available.
Stream Exclusion with Narrow Width buffer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stream exclusion fencing & water development with reduced setback. • Includes fence, well, water troughs, pipe, stream crossings, rotational fence, etc. • Covers 60% of <i>estimated</i> cost with 10' buffer & 75% with 25' buffer. • 10 and 15 year contracts available.
Afforestation of Crop, Hay & Pastureland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% of eligible cost for planting trees (hardwood or conifers). • \$100/acre for 10 year incentive & \$150/acre for 15 years.
Woodland Buffer Filter Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planting trees in riparian areas. • 95% of eligible cost for planting hardwoods or conifers. • Conifers: \$100/acre for 10 years OR \$150/acre for 15 years. • Hardwoods: \$100/acre for 10 years OR \$250/acre for 15 years. • Buffer payment rate of \$80/acre/year paid upon installation.
Cover Crops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 25th cut off for harvestable cover crop & early planting date for cover crops to be killed in the spring • November 15th, cut off planting date for kill down crops. • <i>Note: Dates have been extended by two weeks. Producer input led to this change!</i> • Rates: \$20/acre to harvest, up to \$60/acre to kill & \$30/acre for legumes.
Nutrient Management Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$4/acre to have a nutrient management plan written for your farm. • A great way to save money on input costs!
Precision Nutrient Management on Cropland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$8/acre for the precision application of nitrogen & phosphorus to cropland. • Must have current nutrient management plan: provide records, maps & a bill for nitrogen/phosphorous application.
No-Till & Cropland Conversion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$70/acre to convert from conventional tillage to a no-till system for 5 years. • Up to \$410/acre to convert cropland to permanent hay or pasture. • 10 or 15 year contracts available.
Grassed Waterway, Grass Filter Strips & Critical Area Seeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 75% to grade & seed gully erosion. • Up to 75% to establish grass filter strips along waterways adjacent to crop, hayland or animal holding areas. NEW! Buffer payment rate of \$80/acre/year paid upon installation. • Up to 75% to grade, fill & seed critically eroding areas.
Continuing Conservation Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0.50-\$1.25/linear foot of stream bank protected with fencing. • \$250-\$1,000 per water system, water trough or stream crossing. • A great way to receive funds to maintain existing infrastructure!

Update: Conservation Tillage and Precision Agricultural Equipment Tax Credit has been increased to \$17,500. This is a significant change for producers interested in purchasing this equipment.