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Practice Code	Practice Name	Scenario	Unit Type	Unit Payment Rate	Payment Cap	Livestock Practice
327	Conservation Cover	Introduced Cool Season Grasses	AC	\$397		
327	Conservation Cover	Muck Soils	AC	\$504		
327	Conservation Cover	Native Grasses	AC	\$427		
327	Conservation Cover	Pollinator Habitat	AC	\$533		
328	Conservation Crop Rotation	Conservation Crop Rotation	AC	\$7	\$5,250	
Rotation cannot include back-to-back low residue crops without a cover crop.						
Must be planned to meet the Field Office Tech Guide 328 additional criteria to improve soil quality.						
Low residue crops include soybeans, wheat or other small grain with stubble removed (<8 in), corn silage, etc.						
To be eligible for payment, adoption of this practice must result in an additional crop added to the rotation.						
Tillage system must meet (329) Residue and Tillage Management - No-Till/Strip Till or (345) Residue and Tillage Management Modified No-Till each year except when terminating a perennial sod.						
Eligible for up to three payments.						
656	Constructed Wetland	Treatment Wetland	SQ FT	\$0.68		
340	Cover Crop	Cover Crop - Species Mix	AC	\$42	\$31,500	
The cover crop can <b>not</b> be mechanically harvested for grain, seed or forage. This includes dry hay, straw, baleage, silage, haylage, green chop or etc.						
Any cover crop species mix, including a single species mix, the meets the 340 Standard is eligible for payment.						
Eligible for up to three payments.						
342	Critical Area Planting	Critical Area Planting	AC	\$862		
747	Denitrifying Bioreactor	Denitrifying Bioreactor	NO	\$5,804		
This practice requires an on-site engineering review and cost-estimate by a NRCS Engineer prior to being added to an application.						
554	Drainage Water Management	Drainage Water Management	AC	\$18	\$1,900	
Payment for this practice is for the acres being managed under the practice.						
Eligible for up to three payments.						
386	Field Border	Cool Season Grass	AC	\$397		
386	Field Border	Native Grass Planting	AC	\$427		
393	Filter Strip	Cool Season Grass	AC	\$397		
393	Filter Strip	Muck Soils	AC	\$504		
393	Filter Strip	Warm Season Grass	AC	\$427		

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422	Hedgerow Planting	Herbaceous	FT	\$0.27		
422	Hedgerow Planting	Shrub Corridor	FT	\$1.24		
For species selection, use Indiana Seeding Calculator, found under the Indiana Seeding Tool in Section IV of the FOTG						
Herbaceous hedgerow planting is established with at least two (2) species of vegetation, minimum width of 15 feet. If the hedgerow is to be used as a wildlife corridor, minimum width is 50 feet (5 rows).						
590	Nutrient Management	Enhanced Management	AC	\$30	\$22,500	
Eligible on cropland only. Must meet the requirements of Nutrient Management Basic Management.						
Eligible only if at least one of the following 3 scenarios is not currently occurring, but all 3 will be implemented:						
1 Intensive soil sampling (Grid or Soil Management Zone = 5 AC or less)						
2 Intensively managed nutrient application placement (variable rate for P, K, and lime) for all years on all applications.						
NOTE: Variable rate does not apply to starter fertilizer for corn/wheat), N sidedress application and/or small grain top-dress (N or P)						
3 No Fall nitrogen application for Spring seeded crops (corn/soybean). Fall N application for wheat is permitted. Fall applications of DAP and MAP are permitted but not on frozen or snow-covered ground.						
Payment for Nutrient Management (590) and Waste Utilization (633) cannot be received on the same acres in the same contract year.						
Nutrient Management-High Management can follow Nutrient Management-Basic Management; however, NM-Basic Management cannot follow NM-High Management.						
No phosphorus applications allowed on frozen or snow covered ground						
No phosphorus applications allowed where soil test levels for phosphorus exceed 50 ppm.						
Assumes erosion is controlled as close as possible to T documented with RUSLE2. The goal is "T" but a few tons over "T" is acceptable if feasible alternatives are not available to achieve "T".						
Assumes concentrated flow erosion is controlled/stabilized as much as possible. Ephemeral erosion that forms annually should be controlled to limit nutrient transport.						
Drainage Water Management (DWM) (554) (Applies to drained land only). DWM is mandatory when feasible for the site if the site is suitable for DWM and is one of the participants management objectives.						
The 590 plan must be developed prior to the practice implementation. <b>Cost of hiring a TSP to write, deliver and assist in updating the plan for each year is included in the per acre payment. TSP TA funds are no longer eligible for payment for new 590.</b>						
Irrigation Water Management (449) is required to be implemented when 590 is applied to irrigated land.						
Eligible for up to three payments.						
In addition to the above guidelines, the following supporting practices must already be in place or planned for application to be eligible for this payment:						
Must be planned to meet the Field Office Tech Guide 328 additional criteria to improve soil quality.						
328-Conservation Crop Rotation <b>PLUS</b> 329-Res. Mgmt No-Till <b>PLUS</b> 340-Cover Crop (required each year only when Phosphorus, or manure is fall applied) <b>PLUS: (see next line)</b>						
A buffer under the following practice codes will be established along all waters bodies: 386, 393, 332, 390, 391, 412, 422, 327, or 342 within a field, or 380.						
582	Open Channel	Two Stage Ditch	FT	\$8.51	\$32,000	
Eligible for existing constructed channels with > 1 square mile drainage area.						
Site evaluation by person with adequate engineering approval is required prior to contract obligation.						
Add (484) Mulching - Erosion Control Blanket as a separate component of this practice as needed.						

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582	Open Channel	Two Stage Ditch-Shared Ditch	FT	\$4.26	\$16,000	
Where a property line bisects the ditch and both owners agree to installation, each owner receives the Shared Ditch payment rate for their portion of that section.						
Must also meet the conditions of Two Stage Ditch above.						
Add (484) Mulching - Erosion Control Blanket as a separate component of this practice as needed.						
329	Residue and Tillage Management, No Till/Strip Till	No Till/Strip Till	AC	\$21	\$15,750	
<b>A STIR rating of less than 20 must be documented to receive this payment.</b>						
This practice must be applied to the <b>same acres</b> all three years in which payments are made.						
Applicant must have no-tilled for no more than 5 consecutive years in order to be eligible for payment based on the Indiana NRCS 329 Practice Standard.						
The crop rotation for the contract period must include at least two years of a No Till high residue crop.						
Examples of high residue crops include: Corn (grain), Millet, Milo, Oats, Popcorn, Rye, Sorghum, Sorghum-Sudan Grass Hybrid, Triticale and Wheat.						
Must develop Nutrient Management (590) and Pest Management (595) plans that are specific for a No Till system and have any component critical to the success of the system implemented the Autumn prior to the implementation of No Till.						
This is to address issues that may limit the success of No Till implementation. Payments will be provided for Nutrient and Pest Management practices as well if requirements are met.						
It is intended that 345 precede 329 in a contract where 345 is used as a transition from conventional tillage to 329.						
In contracts where 345 is used as a transition, the combined total of both practices will not exceed 2 years of 345 and 3 years of 329 for a total of 5 payments.						
This is the only case in which both 345 and 329 can be used on one contract. It is not allowable to pay for 750 acres of 345 on farm or fields and 750 acres of 329 on another farm.						
Eligible for up to three payments per contract.						
Agronomy Tech Notes 1-4 are references for this practice at: <a href="http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/intranet/TechnicalNotes/technicalnotes.html">http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/intranet/TechnicalNotes/technicalnotes.html</a>						
391	Riparian Forest Buffer	Riparian Forest Buffer	AC	\$541		
390	Riparian Herbaceous Cover	Native Grasses	AC	\$427		
587	Structure for Water Control	Water Mgt Structure, <=10" or Add check Valve	NO	\$1,071		
Payment is for installation of water level control structure in Drainage Water Management system for outlet sizes 10" or less <b>OR</b> for installation of backflow prevention device on irrigation system (micro or sprinkler) currently without device.						
587	Structure for Water Control	Water Mgt Structure, >=12"	NO	\$1,392		
Payment is for installation of water level control structure in Drainage Water Management system for outlets sized 12" or larger.						

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633	Waste Utilization	High Management	AC	\$42	\$10,500	Y
Available for the additional management/cost associated with cover crops and/or nitrification inhibitors.						
Where an applicant is importing or exporting manure, they must provide a contract/agreement that shows the terms of receiving or exporting manure for the life of the EQIP contract.						
Must meet the requirements of Waste Utilization-Basic Management, plus either of the following:						
1 Manure applications on Summer (after wheat), Autumn, Winter or after corn silage allowed only with a cover crop, established prior to or within 2 weeks after manure application, and/or the use of a nitrification inhibitor.						
2 Eligible for Spring manure applications, only if switching manure application from Summer (after wheat), Autumn, or Winter.						
Payments for Nutrient Management (590) and Waste Utilization (633) can not be received on the same acres in the same year.						
This payment is in addition to any other payment for Cover Crop (340).						
To remain eligible for payment, manure may not be applied on frozen or snow covered ground.						
A waste utilization plan, nutrient management plan, or a CNMP must be developed prior to the practice application. Cost of hiring a TSP to develop, deliver and assist in updating plan is included in the per acre payment.						
<b>TSP TA funds no longer eligible for payment for new 633.</b>						
Eligible for up to three payments per contract. TSP TA payments associated with this 633 are not eligible.						
380	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment	FT	\$0.80		