



## Overview of NWQI EQIP Programs

- **Cover Crop**
  - **Basic Scenario 17:** Single species small grain or legume will be planted as a cover crop after harvest of a cash crop \$26.76 /ac.
  - **Multiple Species Scenario 19:** Multi-species (three or more species) cover crop mix is seeded after harvest of a cash crop \$33.97 /ac.
- **Nutrient Management**
  - **Scenario 268 Basic NM:** A basic nutrient management system on 40 or more acres cropland or hayland. Records of the 4 Rights of the NM criteria (Right Source of Nutrients, Right Time of Application, Right Rate, and Right Method of Application) required. \$6.03/ac.
  - **Scenario 272 Basic Precision NM:** Includes split and variable rate applications, use of nitrification or urease inhibitors, slow release fertilizers, additional nutrient tests. A nutrient budget is developed for each field based on soil test analysis using UNL recommendations. Additional nutrient tests used to include PSNT (pre-side dress nitrate test), CSNT (corn stalk nitrate test), in-season plant tissue tests, chlorophyll meters, and spectral analysis. \$25.53/ac.
- **Conservation Crop Rotation**
  - **Scenario 64: Basic Rotation:** Add additional crop, preferably a small grain crop, into the crop rotation to improve water quality, break up pest cycles, reduce erosion, and other benefits. \$8.93/ac.
- **Irrigation Water Management**
  - **Scenario 4 IWM Advanced Technique:** Soil moisture is determined by automated soil moisture monitoring stations equipped with telemetry data. Irrigation amounts are recorded from a flow meter. Telemetry data is automatically sent to a computer with irrigation software. Irrigator also receives real time data via mobile phone applications. \$1284.88/each system.
- **Residue and Tillage Management**
  - **No-Till Scenario 9 No-Till:** This practice involves conversion from a clean-tilled (conventional tilled) system to continuous no-till (conservation tilled) system on cropland. \$10.80/ac.

Many other scenarios for these and other practices may work better for your operation. Please contact your local NRCS office to learn more about how NRCS can work with you to develop a conservation plan that fits [your operation!](#)

Payment rates are for General Signup practices, rates are higher for Beginning and Limited Resource Farmers (HU rates). Your NRCS office can help you decide if you qualify for these increased rates. There is a \$7500 maximum payment per year for Cover Crops and \$5,000 maximum per year for No-till.

