

Conservation Lease Addendum Discussion Topics

Goals/Objectives for the farm

- Promote wildlife habitat
- Income
- Convert to organic production
- Reduce erosion
- Other _____

Existing resource concerns

Are there sinkholes or streams on the farm(s)? Yes/No

Pasture – grazing

- Dairy cattle/beef cattle/sheep/horses
- Number of animals
- Rotational grazing system
- Grazed woodland
- Forage type _____
- Water source _____
- Grazing season length (dates?) _____

Crop rotation

- Corn for grain
- Corn for silage
- Corn-bean rotation
- Row-crop with hay
 - Corn
 - Corn-bean
- Other _____
- Implement width
 - Planter _____
 - Mower _____
 - Sprayer _____
 - Tillage equipment _____

Tillage

- Spring
- Fall
- No-till
- Minimum till (describe) _____
- Past tillage _____

Row direction

- Contour
- Non-contour

Vegetative (grass) practices

- Waterways ___Existing ___Planned
- Headlands – Width _____ Existing ___Planned
- Contour buffers – Width _____ Existing ___Planned
- Strip cropping ___Existing ___Planned
- Filter strip – Width _____ or specific distance to sinkholes/stream _____
 ___Existing ___Planned

Residue removal

- Baling stalks, silage, or grazing stalks allowed? _____
 - Cover crop required or maintenance rates of P & K required if residue removal allowed? _____
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Nutrient management

- Conduct soil testing to determine current soil fertility
- Require maintenance rates of P and K
 - If not required, have renter pay landowner for nutrients removed?
- Type of fertilizer used _____
- Lime – who pays for? (usually landowner unless a long-term lease established) _____

Pest management (Weeds and insects – usually tenants responsibility) _____

Structural conservation practices (see ISU File C2-08))

Existing

- Terraces
- Ponds
- Constructed waterways

Planned

- Terraces
- Ponds
- Constructed waterways
- Who pays for installation? _____
- Who pays for and conducts maintenance? _____

General operations and maintenance

- Who pays for installation maintenance of waterways/headlands/buffers? _____

Non-compliance

- Termination of the lease – in a multi-year lease, would likely occur after the current crop year
- Non-renewal of a year-to-year lease
- Conservation deposit – set amount paid at beginning of lease year and would be reimbursed if all stated practices are followed
- Liquidated damages – an agreed upon amount that would be paid to the landowner in the event of a breach
- Parties work out differences on their own – landowner and tenant would discuss and agree upon a solution