

EXHIBIT B: Non-Structural Ag BMP Rates & General Requirements (from LSCWP)

Cost-share rates will comprise of a flat per acre rate for all non-structural BMP practices based on the FY25 Minnesota EQIP Scenario List and local policies. Practices will be planned for 1-3 years, not to exceed the duration of the grant. Payments will be made to land occupiers annually. Practices may be implemented on the same acres for the contract duration (required for nutrient management and prescribed grazing), practices may move with the rotation but must implement the same amount or greater acres in subsequent years, or two or more practices may be implemented on the same acres for the contract period alternating years (ex. Plant cover crops after corn harvest, no-till soybeans the following year). Eligibility requirements include that planned practices are newly adopted; not previously implemented on the acres by the current owner/operator and did not previously meet NRCS standards and specifications. Land occupiers are eligible for up to three years of flat-rate payments for newly adopted practices. This could be in the form of one three-year contract, or a combination of shorter contracts, so long as the total length does not exceed three years. Entering into a one-year contract does not make a land occupier ineligible for the second and third year of funding for that practice.

- **Cover Crops** - Must follow NRCS Practice Standard 340
 - 1-2 species \$50/acre/year
 - 3+ species \$60/acre/year
 - Implementation can occur on different acres within the contract duration or on the same acres consecutively
- **Nutrient Management** - Must follow NRCS Practice Standard 590
 - \$75/acre/year
 - Implemented on the same acres annually
- **Prescribed Grazing** - Must follow NRCS Practice Standard 528
 - \$80/acre/year
 - Implemented on the same acres annually
- **Residue and Tillage Management (No-Till & Strip Till)** - Must follow NRCS Practice Standard 329 for No-Till/Strip-Till
 - \$35/acre/year
 - Implementation can occur on different acres within the contract duration or on the same acres consecutively
- **Residue and Tillage Management (Conservation Tillage)** - Must follow NRCS Practice Standard 345 for Conservation Till

- \$10/acre/year
- Residue cover following a corn crop at the time of planting the subsequent crop must be 60% or greater
- Residue cover following a soybean crop at the time of planting the subsequent crop must be 30% or greater
- Residue cover following a small grain crop at the time of planting the subsequent crop must be 60% or greater
- Implementation can occur on different acres within the contract duration or on the same acres consecutively
- **Conservation Cover** – Must follow NRCS Practice Standard 327
 - Contract duration 10 years, practice lifespan 10 years
 - Introduced species \$200/acre
 - Native species \$400/acre
 - Pollinator species \$500/acre
 - Stand-alone practice
 - Requires conversion from annual crop
- **Conservation Crop Rotation** – Must follow NRCS Practice Standard 328
 - Contract duration 3 years, practice lifespan 1 year
 - \$40/acre
 - The additional crop added to the rotation must improve the SCl to be eligible. Minimum of 3 crop types in the rotation. Fall tillage will not be allowed in the 328 year and minimal disturbance required if applying manure. Light tillage allowed if broadcasting a cover crop after small grain harvest to lightly incorporate.
 - Stand-alone practice
- **Pasture and Hay Planting** – Must follow NRCS Practice Standard 512
 - Contract duration 5 years, practice lifespan 5 years
 - \$200/acre
 - Requires conversion from annual crop
 - Stand-alone practice