

Best Management Practice Examples:

- Conservation tillage
- No-till
- Strip-till
- Ridge-till
- Minimum till
- Precision/variable rate fertilizer application
- Soil fertility testing
- N application rates based on MRTN calculator (ISU recommended rates)
- Sidedress spring/summer applied N fertilizer (or in-season N application)
- Nitrification inhibitor with fall applied N
- Timing of fertilizer application
- Extended crop rotations
- P application based on soil test optimum levels
- Incorporation of P fertilizer into soil
- Energy efficiency measures
- Water use efficiency measures
- Low-drift nozzles for sprayer
- Contour farming
- Conservation cover (steep slopes or other sensitive areas in grass or other permanent cover)
- Cover crops
- Drainage water management
- Grass field border
- Filter strips or riparian buffers along streams
- Grass waterway
- Nutrient/Manure management plan
- Contour buffer strips
- Livestock fencing/access control
- Controlled/Rotational grazing
- Stream crossing
- Livestock watering facility
- Livestock waste storage/treatment facilities (including covered feedlots, lagoons, composting, etc)
- Streambank/Shoreline protection
- Grade stabilization structure
- Denitrifying woodchip bioreactor
- Wetland
- Terrace
- Water and Sediment control basin
- Pond
- Water Quality Monitoring
- Wildlife Habitat Planting
- Windbreak/Shelterbelt
- Saturated Buffer

*This is not an all-inclusive list of practices and we strongly encourage you to include anything not listed here that you have incorporated into your operation for soil conservation and water quality benefits. When filling out the nomination form, please be sure to include practices that you received cost-share assistance and include practices that you implemented on your own without cost-share assistance.