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- **NO COVER CROP + CONVENTIONAL TILLAGE**: New practice.
  - This alternative is eligible to receive $60-$70/acre/year, provided cover crops are practiced for five years once the NRCS contract is signed.

- **COVER CROP, SINGLE/MULTIPLE SPECIES + CONVENTIONAL TILLAGE**:
  - These new fields should not have cover crops previously adopted.

- **NO COVER CROP + CONVENTIONAL TILLAGE**

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COVER CROP, SINGLE/MULTIPLE SPECIES + CONVENTIONAL TILLAGE → These new fields should not have cover crops previously adopted.

These are both considered measurable improvements. Hence, eligible to receive $60-$70/acre/year, provided cover crops are practiced for five years once the NRCS contract is signed.
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- **Starting practice**: No Cover Crop + Conventional Tillage
- **New practice**: Cover Crop, Single/Multiple Species + Reduced Tillage

This is considered measurable improvement. Eligible to receive $74-$84/acre/year ($60-$70/acre/year for cover crops and $14/acre/year for reduced tillage), provided cover crops are practiced for five years and reduced tillage for three years once the NRCS contract is signed.

- **Starting practice**: No Cover Crop + Conventional Tillage
- **New practice**: Cover Crop, Single/Multiple Species + No Tillage

This is considered a measurable improvement. Eligible to receive $73-$83/acre/year ($60-$70/acre/year for cover crops and $13/acre/year for no tillage), provided cover crops are practiced for five years and no tillage for three years once the NRCS contract is signed.
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A farmer has fields with no cover crops and does conservation tillage, then makes some changes...

- **NO COVER CROP**
  - **REDUCED TILLAGE**
    - **COVER CROP, SINGLE/ MULTIPLE SPECIES**

  *This is considered a measurable improvement. Eligible to receive $73-$83/acre/year ($60-$70/acre/year for cover crops and $13/acre/year for no tillage, provided cover crops are practiced for five years and no tillage for three years once the NRCS contract is signed.*

- **NO COVER CROP**
  - **NO TILLAGE**
    - **REDUCED / CONVENTIONAL TILLAGE**

  *This is only a partial measurable improvement. Eligible to receive $60-$70/acre/year for cover crops and $0 for tillage, because you are going to a lesser practice. Cover crops must be practiced for five years once the NRCS contract is signed.*
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A farmer has fields with cover crops and some without and does conservation tillage, then makes some changes...

Starting practice:
- NO COVER CROP + REDUCED TILLAGE
  - New practice: COVER CROP, SINGLE/MULTIPLE SPECIES + CONVENTIONAL TILLAGE

This is only a partial measurable improvement. Eligible to receive $60-$70/acre/year for cover crops and $0 for tillage, because you are going to a lesser practice.

Cover crops must be practiced for five years once the NRCS contract is signed.

Starting practice:
- COVER CROP, SINGLE/MULTIPLE SPECIES + REDUCED TILLAGE

New practice: COVER CROP, SINGLE/MULTIPLE SPECIES + REDUCED TILLAGE

These new fields should not have cover crops and reduced tillage previously adopted.

This is considered measurable improvement. Eligible to receive $74-$84/acre/year ($60-$70/acre/year for cover crops and $14/acre/year for reduced tillage), provided cover crops are practiced for five years and reduced tillage for three years once the NRCS contract is signed.
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A farmer has fields with cover crops and does conservation tillage, then adds more fields to those practices...

COVER CROP, SINGLE/MULTIPLE SPECIES + NO TILLAGE = COVER CROP, SINGLE/MULTIPLE SPECIES + NO TILLAGE

These new fields should not have cover crops and no tillage previously adopted.

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