

# Buffer Strip Cropping SL-3B

## ***Important Facts***

### Practice Lifespan

*Maintained for at least five years following the calendar year of installation.*

### Cost-share Rate

*An incentive rate of \$15 per acre has been established for the practice of all field area within the buffer strip system.*

### Tax Credit

*The tax credit rate is 25% of the total eligible cost not to exceed \$17,500.00. If a cooperator receives cost-share, only the percent of the total cost of the project that the cooperator contributed is used to determine the tax credit*

Buffer strip cropping is a series of narrow permanent protective strips of sod alternating with wider strips of row or close growing crops. Their purpose is to reduce the erosion and surface runoff and improve surface water quality.

- Cost-sharing and tax credit are authorized for the establishment and planting of vegetated buffer strips on existing cropland fields.
- Cost-share payment is made on a per acre basis to cover a portion of the cost and to serve as an incentive to establish a buffer strip system.
- Tax credit is based on the cost of establishing the buffer strips.
- Acreage for cost-share assistance (incentive) is the field acreage of that portion of the field served by the establishment of a series of buffer strips.
- Cost-share and tax credit are not authorized for repeating or adding any approved measures under this practice with the same person on the same acreage. This is a one time incentive.