

Preserving Your Farm's Legacy Starts With A Buffer Strip



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ST. LOUIS, Mo. — When it comes to preserving our precious environment, words are plentiful, but deeds are what truly counts.

That's why the USDA has increased its emphasis on conservation buffers by launching the National Conservation Buffer Initiative with a goal of encouraging farmers to install two million miles of conservation buffers by the year 2002.

Environmental stewardship is also a primary goal of the NCGA, which supports education on best manage-

ment, practices, encourages local voluntary action on environmental issues, and recognizes growers for their stewardship efforts.

NCGA and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are leading this national effort with conservation and environmental organizations, educational organizations and most important, U.S. corn farmers.

Conservationists and soil experts agree that almost every farm gains discernible benefits from installing buffer strips. Besides the en-

vironmental benefits, a field border buffer strip provides a place to operate and turn around heavy equipment, which leads to reduced compaction. Field borders near steep slopes and river banks can also increase safety in the same way.

Here are a few key reasons why buffers just make good business and environmental sense:

- Properly installed and maintained buffers can help reduce sediment in runoff water up to 75 percent.
- Buffers can remove up

to 50 percent or more of certain nutrients. They can also help filter a large percentage of certain pathogens.

- Buffers protect people, crops, livestock, buildings, wildlife, and roads from wind-blown soil, snow, or other materials.

- The efficiencies of buffers can be increased by considering buffers as one part of a complete resource system for your farm or ranch.

Under the new farm bill, many buffer strips may also

be entered into the continuous Conservation Reserve Program sign-up. Land can be entered at any time and farmers do not have to wait for the USDA to announce a time.

The difference between continuous and annual sign-up is that the continuous sign-up is meant specifically for small parcels of land, such as buffer strips. The annual sign-up, is meant for whole fields and larger tracts of land.

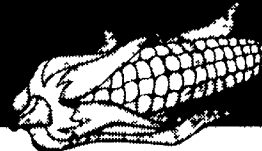
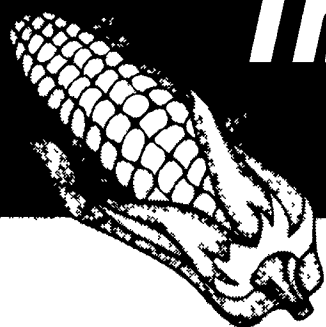
While buffer strips are voluntary, there are indications that this could change in the future.

But voluntary water-quality improvement efforts have a limited amount of time to demonstrate positive results before mandatory regulations may be put in place.

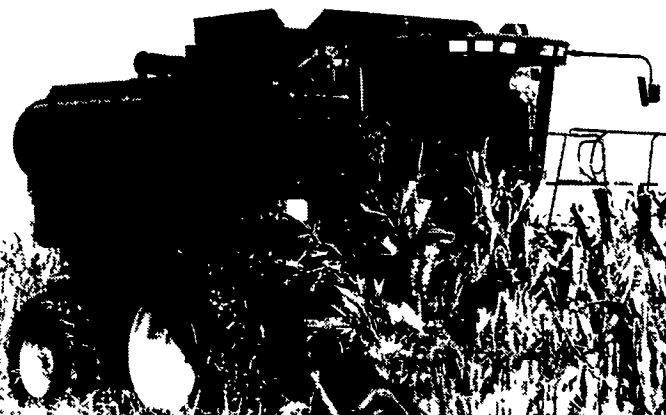
Voluntary conservation practices, such as the conservation buffer initiative, helps NCGA and your state association achieve a very important goal while preserving a precious resource — our environment.

For more information on how to install a buffer, visit your local NRCS or Farm Services Agency office.

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The 2001 models will have a new side-viewing door with a light for easier visibility of the chopper and chaffer sieves

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The 2001 Model 2388 combines will have a new 180 gallon fuel tank - a 46% increase in capacity over the 123 gallon tank on previous models

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