AG. WATER QUALITY ACT

FILTER STRIP
CROPS BMP #6

Description:
A strip or area of vegetation for removing sediment, organic matter, and other pollutants from runoff.

AWQA Minimum Requirements:
Maintain an adequate strip width or area of vegetation to remove sediment, organic matter, and other pollutants from runoff and wastewater.

Consider NRCS Practice Code 393 Filter Strips for minimum distances applicable to your farm.

Recommendations:
Follow the Cooperative Extension Service recommendations for establishing vegetation.

Filter strip width should consider slope, nutrients used, and crop being grown.

Technical References
University Publications
• University of Kentucky College of Agriculture Extension publications

USDA/NRCS Publications
• Practice Code 393 Filter Strip

Funding Assistance Options
State Cost Share
• See your local Conservation District to apply.

Kentucky Ag. Development Fund (KADB/KAFC)
• Select from available program options here.

NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
• Select from available program options here.

Important Considerations
Water Quality Benefit (1-600): 1
(KEY: 1=good, 6=best; see STEPL Model)

Wildlife Benefits:
• Contact the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Habitat Improvement Program on how to improve wildlife habitat with select BMPs (1-800-858-1549).