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Do you know:
That gullies may be prevented in the water courses that run through the croplands by seeding them to a sod forming grass and maintaining the sod cover?

What to do
If the draw has started to cut, level and pack the soil before planting the seed with a drill.
If it has started to cut, drill the seed in the stubble.
Use a good sod forming grass mixture.
Use kinds of grasses and rates of seeding recommended for your area.

Maintain the waterway by maintaining a good sod cover.
Mowing the weeds before they seed.
Not pasturing the grass.
Re seeding or sodding any open spaces.
Lifting tillage implements when crossing.
Cutting the grass for hay or seed.

Support the grassed waterway by using recommended tillage practices or by contouring or terracing the croplands above the waterway.
If the terraces are emptied into it construct them so as to prevent silting.

Protected with contours and terraces
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