



Operation & Maintenance Plan Pasture and Hay Planting (Code 512)

Expected Lifespan

The minimum expected lifespan of this practice is at least 5 year(s).

Operation and Maintenance

The life of this practice can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program. Operation and maintenance (O&M) is necessary for all conservation practices, is required for all practices installed with NRCS assistance, and is required to achieve the intended function, benefits, and life of the practice. The landowner/operator is responsible for establishing and implementing an inspection and maintenance program. Items to inspect and maintain during the 5 - year design life of the practice include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Inspect and calibrate equipment prior to use.
- Continually monitor equipment during planting to ensure proper rate, distribution, and depth of planting material is maintained.
- Monitor new plantings for water stress
 - Depending on the severity of drought, water stress may require reducing weeds, early harvest of any companion crops, irrigating when possible, or replanting failed stands.
 - Monitor new plantings for prolonged wet conditions, which may cause failure of the plant establishment.

Specific Site Requirements