



**COVER CROP
CODE 340**

Pennsylvania Conservation Practice Implementation Requirements and Certification

Cooperator Name	County	Planner	Date
Farm/Tract/Field(s)	Program/Contract No. (if applicable)		Amount Planned AC

Purpose(s) (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce sheet, rill, and wind erosion.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce weed and plant pest pressure.
<input type="checkbox"/> Maintain or increase soil organic matter.	<input type="checkbox"/> Improve moisture management.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve soil aggregate stability.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce soil compaction.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve habitat for soil organisms.	<input type="checkbox"/> Supply nitrogen to the subsequent crop.
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce water quality degradation by utilizing excess soil nutrients.	<input type="checkbox"/> Improve habitat for pollinators, beneficial organisms, or natural enemies of crop pests.

Associated Practices

The following practices are needed, and have been or will be implemented: (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Crop Rotation (328)	<input type="checkbox"/> Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till (345)
<input type="checkbox"/> Nutrient Management (590)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other practices (specify):
<input type="checkbox"/> Pest Management Conservation System (595)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till (329)	

No associated practices are needed.

COVER CROP SPECIFICATIONS

Field(s)	Acres	Species	Seeding Method	Seeding Rate (lb/ac)	Seeding Dates	Termination Date or Stage	Termination Method

Notify the NRCS or conservation district office when the planting is completed.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

- Establish the cover crop within the stated time period and maintain until the stated time/growth stage. Evaluate the cover crop to determine if it is meeting the planned purpose(s). If the cover crop is not meeting the purpose(s), adjust the management or change the species of cover crop.
- Control weeds as needed by mowing or by spraying with an appropriate herbicide. Noxious weeds must be controlled as required by state law, and all seed must be free of prohibited noxious weed seed.
- All seed purchased for cover crop must be tested and properly labeled in accordance with the Pennsylvania Seed Law and regulations. If the grower elects to use home grown seed, it must be tested prior to seeding for purity, germination, and noxious weeds by a recognized seed laboratory.
- Acceptable uses (e.g., green manure crop, green-chop, grazing) and restrictions (e.g., time of year or frequency of use), if any:

- Other requirements, or follow-up needed:

CERTIFICATION (FOR AGENCY USE ONLY)

Supporting Documentation (for file)

Map showing practice location

RUSLE2 printout

Design Certification

This practice was designed according to NRCS standards and specifications.

Job Class: _____

Signature by individual with appropriate JAA Date

Implementation Certification (Year 1) This practice was applied according to NRCS standards and specifications.

Contract Item No. (if applicable): _____

Amount: _____ Date: _____

Signature by individual with appropriate JAA Date

Implementation Certification (Year 2) This practice was applied according to NRCS standards and specifications.

Contract Item No. (if applicable): _____

Amount: _____ Date: _____

Signature by individual with appropriate JAA Date

Implementation Certification (Year 3) This practice was applied according to NRCS standards and specifications.

Contract Item No. (if applicable): _____

Amount: _____ Date: _____

Signature by individual with appropriate JAA Date

Implementation Certification (Year 4) This practice was applied according to NRCS standards and specifications.

Contract Item No. (if applicable): _____

Amount: _____ Date: _____

Signature by individual with appropriate JAA Date

Implementation Certification (Year 5) This practice was applied according to NRCS standards and specifications.

Contract Item No. (if applicable): _____

Amount: _____ Date: _____

Signature by individual with appropriate JAA Date

Reporting Checklist

- CPA-06 Notes
- File copy of completed IR sheet (red-line all approved changes)
- Post treatment photos
- Report in Conservation Desktop (update geospatial/ location information, if needed based on approved changes)
- Other reporting tools (optional)