

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS**

TERRACE

(Feet)
Code 600

CONSTRUCTION

All dead furrows, ditches, or gullies shall be filled before constructing the terrace or shall be part of the construction. All old terraces, fence rows, hedge rows, trees, and other obstructions shall be removed, as necessary, to install a farmable system.

The terraces shall be constructed according to planned alignment, grade and cross section with the specified overfill for settlement and the channel graded to drain reasonably well.

Any ditch or depression at the bottom of the back slope shall be filled and smoothed so that drainage will be away from the terrace and not parallel to it.

Provisions must be made to prevent piping if underground outlets are located under terrace ridges. Mechanical compaction, water packing,

trench sidewall sloping, and installation and backfill of conduit trenches early enough to allow adequate settlement are methods that can be used. The materials used for the inlet and the conduit shall be suitable for the purpose intended (see Florida NRCS conservation practice standard Subsurface Drain, Code 606). Terrace ridges constructed across gullies or depressions shall be compacted by machinery travel or by other suitable means to reduce settlement and ensure proper functioning of the terrace.

The surface of the finished terrace shall be reasonably smooth and present a workmanlike finish.

If necessary, topsoil shall be stockpiled and spread over excavations and other areas to facilitate restoration of productivity.

If vegetation is required, seedbed preparation, fertilizing, seeding, and mulching shall comply with Florida NRCS conservation practice standard, Critical Area Planting, Code 342.