

STATEMENT OF WORK
Cover Crop (340)
Illinois

The deliverables apply to the Cover Crop (340) practice standard only. For other planned practice deliverables refer to the practice specific Statements of Work.

DESIGN

Deliverables:

1. Implementation documents that demonstrate criteria in NRCS Illinois Cover Crop (340) practice standard have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices
 - a. Practice purpose(s) are identified and are compatible with the conservation plan and (where applicable) client's crop insurance.
 - b. List of required permits to be obtained by the client
 - c. List all required and/or facilitating practices
 - d. Practice standard criteria-related computations and analyses to develop plans and specifications including but not limited to:
 - i. Planting dates
 - ii. Site and seedbed preparation
 - iii. Soil amendments required
 - iv. Species selection and seeding rates
 - v. Cover crop termination time and method
 - vi. Required *Rhizobia* where applicable
2. Written plans and specifications shall be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to establish and manage the planned cover crops and obtain necessary permits. Plans and specifications shall be developed in accordance with the requirements of conservation practice standard Cover Crop (Code 340).
3. Operation and maintenance plan
4. Certification that the design meets practice standard criteria and comply with applicable laws and regulations
5. Specification modifications during application as required
6. Illinois Job Sheet 340 or output from the Illinois Cover Crop Selection Tool.

IMPLEMENTATION

Deliverables

1. Verification that client has obtained required permits
2. Application guidance as needed
3. Facilitate and implement required modifications with client and original designer
4. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during application
5. Certification that the implementation methods and materials meets design and permit requirements and (where applicable) client's crop insurance requirements.

CHECK OUT

Deliverables

1. Records of application
 - a. Extent of practice units applied
 - b. Actual seed quantities applied.
2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits
3. Progress reporting

REFERENCES

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard Cover Crop - 340
- NRCS National Agronomy Manual
- Illinois Cover Crop Selection Tool <http://www.mccc.msu.edu/selectorINTRO.html>
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook