

Title 450 – Technology
Part 407 – Documentation, Certification, and Spot Checking

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D. Amount of Spot Checking

- (1) **Spot checks of completed conservation practices or practice components shall be completed by NRCS employees.** [Engineering and Non-Engineering Spot Check and QAR TN-MGT-9, 2/2011](#) must be used for all practices to be spot checked.
- (2) Spot check five (5) percent of the total practices installed or reported in the State. In States where a practice exceeds 400 occurrences, only 20 installations of that practice need to be checked. The State Quality Assurance Plan (GM-340, Part 404, Subpart C, Quality Assurance, Section 404.22 (B)) should identify offices, field offices, counties and practices to be spot checked during the year. It should not be necessary to check more than three to five low risk practice installations in an office, field office or county (see GM-450, Part 407, Section 407.20 (G), Selecting Installation to be Spot Checked).
- (3) Spot checks should be distributed among various practices applied during the year, and each type practice should be spot checked at least every three (3) years. If errors or deficiencies are found, check additional installations until a true picture of the quantity and quality of the work is obtained. All cost-shared practices for which NRCS is technically responsible on all farms that NRCS employees own, or have an interest in, are to be spot checked. These checks, as well as those checks made during State Quality Reviews, are counted as part of the spot-check requirement.

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