

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
CONSERVATION PRACTICE SPECIFICATION**

**SURFACE DRAINAGE, FIELD DITCH
(feet)
CODE 607**

SCOPE

This specification covers the construction of surface field ditches for drainage. Construction shall be in accordance with the construction plans and these specifications.

INSTALLATION

Site preparation. Trees, brush, stumps and other obstructions shall be removed and disposed of so that they shall not interfere with construction or the proper functioning of the ditch.

Excavation. The ditch shall be cut to the line and grade shown on the construction plans or as staked in the field.

Spoil placement. Spoil shall be spread and leveled so that the surface water can flow into the ditch. If the spoil is to be farmed, it shall be spread so that farming operations shall not be hindered.

MAINTENANCE

Provisions shall be made for maintaining the ditches and their outlets to permit effective drainage.

SAFETY

Landowners or operators, sponsoring organizations, and contractors are liable for damage to utilities and damage resulting from disruption of service caused by construction activities. The Natural Resources Conservation Service makes no representation on the existence or nonexistence of any utilities. Absence of utilities on the drawings is not assurance that no utilities are present at the site.

It is the responsibility of the landowner or operator to determine if there are buried or overhead utilities in the vicinity of the proposed work. They should take proper procedures to insure that the utilities will not be jeopardized and that equipment operators and others will not be injured during construction operations.