

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
CONSERVATION PRACTICE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

**HERBACEOUS WIND BARRIERS
(Feet)
CODE 603**

OPERATION AN MAINTENANCE

Annual barriers shall be re-established each year by planting at recommended dates, leaving rows standing and maintained throughout the critical period for which the barrier was designed.

Gaps in perennial barriers shall be replanted as soon as practical to maintain barrier effectiveness.

After establishment, perennial barriers shall be fertilized as needed. Weeds shall be controlled by cultivation, spot treatment when using chemicals, or other acceptable methods. Wind-borne sediment accumulated in barriers shall be removed and distributed over the

surface of the field as determined appropriate.

Barriers shall be re-established or relocated as needed.

Barriers composed of perennial vegetation that are designed to enhance wildlife habitat should not be mowed unless their height or width exceeds that required to achieve the barrier purpose, or they become competitive with the adjoining land use. When mowing is necessary, it shall be done during the non-nesting season.

Prescribed burning (338) to enhance plant vigor may be completed after nesting/resting periods.