



Cover Crop

Conservation Practice Job Sheet

(Code 340)

For:	Farm #:
Field(s):	Tract #:

Definition:

Grasses, legumes, forbs, or other herbaceous plants established for seasonal cover and conservation purposes.



Purposes (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce erosion from wind and water | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase biodiversity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase soil organic matter | <input type="checkbox"/> Weed suppression |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manage excess nutrients in the soil profile | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide supplemental forage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Promote biological nitrogen fixation | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil moisture management |

Condition where practice applies

On all lands requiring vegetative cover for natural resource protection.

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SPECIFICATIONS:

Cover crops will be established after the following crops.

Fields	After the Following Crops

Seeding and Management:

Fields	Species	Rate / Acre	Seeding Time	Method of Seeding D = Drill B = Broadcast A = Aerial	Date or Stage to Till or Kill Cover Crop	Method to Till of Kill Cover Crop

OPERATION / MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

1. Control growth of the cover crop to reduce competition from volunteer plants and shading.
2. Control weeds in the cover crop by mowing or herbicide application.
3. When seeding legumes, ensure the proper inoculate is used at planting time. It is best to inoculate just prior to planting.
4. Do not use treated seed when broadcasting or aerial seeding in a crop to be harvested.
5. Establish the cover/green manure crop within the stated time period and maintain until the stated time/growth stage.

For Questions Regarding the Application and Management of Cover Crops Contact the local NRCS/SWCD office- Phone _____