

## ARKANSAS FACT SHEET

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### PRACTICE DEFINITION

Narrow strips of permanent, herbaceous vegetative cover established around the hill slope, and alternated down the slope with wider cropped strips that are farmed on the contour

### PRACTICE PURPOSE

This practice is applied to achieve one or more of the following:

- Reduce sheet and rill erosion.
- Reduce transport of sediment and other water-borne contaminants down slope
- Increase water infiltration



### PRACTICE INFORMATION

This practice applies on all sloping cropland, including orchards, vineyards and nut crops.

Where the width of the buffer strips will be equal to or exceed the width of the adjoining crop strips, the practice Stripcropping (code 585) applies. Surface flow from contoured crop rows must be delivered to a stable outlet.

The width of the cropped strip shall be designed to accommodate some multiple of full equipment width.

No plants listed on the noxious weed list of the state will be established in a buffer strip cropping system.

Buffer strips shall not be used as travel lanes for livestock or equipment.

Buffer strips are not a part of the normal crop rotation, and shall remain in the location they were originally

This document is not all inclusive and should not be considered as the final rule for implementation. The Conservation Practice Standard, Practice Specification and AR Amendment 19 are the official guidance documents for implementation of this practice.