

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE  
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

**FENCE  
(acre)  
CODE 382**

Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Contract/Plan: \_\_\_\_\_

Life Span: \_\_\_\_\_

**Operation and Maintenance Items**

Operation and Maintenance (O&M) is necessary for all conservation practices and is required for all practices installed with the Natural Resources Conservation Service assistance. The participant is responsible for proper operation and maintenance through the life of the practice and as may be required by federal, state, or local laws or regulations.

Operation refers to operation of the practice in compliance with all laws, regulations, ordinances, and easements; and in such a manner that will result in the least adverse impact on the environment and will permit the practice to serve the purpose for which it was installed. Maintenance includes work to prevent deterioration of the practice, repairing damage, or replacing components which fail.

Necessary operation and maintenance items to include in plan are:

- Regular inspection of fences should be part of an on-going management program.
- Inspection of fences after storms and other disturbance events is necessary to insure the continued proper function of the fence.
- Maintenance and repairs will be performed as needed to facilitate the intended operation of the installed fence.



*Photo shows fence being damaged by a limb falling on the top wire after a storm.*