

**Operation and Maintenance Plan
Livestock Shelter Structure, Code 576**

Landowner/Operator: _____ Date: _____

Farm Number: _____ Tract Number: _____

NRCS Service Center: _____

GENERAL

This livestock shelter structure was designed and installed to protect livestock and the environment. The design life of this practice can be assured and possibly increased by performing operation and maintenance (O&M) activities.

This practice will require you to perform the O&M activities as listed below.

O&M REQUIREMENTS

- Inspect the structure annually and after major storm events.
- Maintain the structural and fabric components through the practice lifespan.
- Replace and/or repair maintenance coatings on structural steel components as necessary.
- Periodically tighten the shade cloth to minimize wind damage.
- Remove the fabric cover when not being utilized.
- Replace the fabric cover when it has deteriorated due to environmental conditions.
- Move portable structures often to prevent destruction of vegetation and soil erosion in the immediate area.
- Transport portable structures in a safe manner. Consider the terrain, nearby obstructions, and the size of openings that the structure is being transported through.
- Anchor portable structures to prevent movement during storm or wind events.

This O&M Plan was discussed and a copy provided to the landowner/operator.

Date: _____

Signed by the Responsible NRCS Employee/Conservation Partner