

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR
LAND SMOOTHING**

CODE 466

Name _____

Ident. No. _____

Legal Desc. _____

County _____

Properly operated and maintained land smoothing is an asset to your farm. This system was designed and installed to improve surface drainage, provide for more uniform cultivation, and improve equipment operation and efficiency. The estimated life span of this installation is at least 10 years. The life of this installation can be ensured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program.

- Inspect for damage by rodents or burrowing animals. Immediately repair any damage and take appropriate corrective actions to avoid further damage.
- Immediately repair any damage due to vandalism, vehicles, or livestock.

Specific Recommendations

This practice will require you to perform periodic operation and maintenance for satisfactory performance. Here are some recommendations to help you develop a good operation and maintenance program.

General Recommendations

- Avoid the use of tillage equipment and operations that leave ridges or depressions that cannot be removed by subsequent tillage operations.
- Periodically perform maintenance to ensure that the surface irregularities are kept at the required degree of smoothness to function as intended.

If you need additional technical assistance to implement the operation and maintenance plan for this structure, contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) at your local USDA Service Center (listed in the telephone book under United States Government).