



Cover Crop

Conservation Practice Job Sheet

MA-340

SPECIFICATIONS

Practice requirements are listed in the MA 340 Cover Crop Planting Specification Guide and are prepared in accordance with the MA 340 Cover Crop Practice Standard found in the MA NRCS Field Office Technical Guide. Information contained in this document is considered part of the conservation plan.

Client		Date	
Planner		Acres	

Purpose: (check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce erosion	<input type="checkbox"/> Improve biodiversity
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase soil organic matter	<input type="checkbox"/> Minimize and reduce soil compaction
<input type="checkbox"/> Capture and recycle excess nutrients	<input type="checkbox"/> Manage soil moisture
<input type="checkbox"/> Suppress weeds	<input type="checkbox"/> Adaptive Management field trials

Criteria	Acres
Cover Crop—Single Species or 2-Species Mix: <input type="checkbox"/> Plant a small grain, grass, or brassica cover crop by broadcasting, seed drill, or other approved methods; <input type="checkbox"/> Inoculate legumes with appropriate bacteria; <input type="checkbox"/> Terminate cover crop before cash crop emergence.	
Soil Health (3 or more species) Mixtures: <input type="checkbox"/> Plant a multi-species soil health mix (typically a legume w/2-4 other small grain, grass, brassica or legume species). <input type="checkbox"/> Terminate cover crop before cash crop emergence.	
Interseed: <input type="checkbox"/> Interseed, undersow, or overseed a cover crop into an existing crop, or use as a nurse crop.	
Adaptive Management: <input type="checkbox"/> Establish strip trials of cover crops comparing: species; mixture composition with varying percentages; modes of establishment; or modes of termination. Follow guidance in Tech Note 190-AGR-10.	



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Field(s)	Acres	Species/Variety	% of mixture	Rate (lbs/ac)	Seeding Date	Seeding Method	Termination Method

CHECK OUT (Collect copies of receipts to verify application rates and help with component cost data collection)	
Checked By:	Date:

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