



**CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)
SPECIFICATION SHEET
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FOR CP- ____
CRP Sign Up Number: _____**

INFORMATION ON THIS SPECIFICATION SHEET IS CONSIDERED TO BE A PART OF THE NRCS CONTRACT AND CONSERVATION PLAN THAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED WITH THE PARTICIPANT. This plan will at a minimum include the following information or requirements: the location; CRP conservation practice number; cover established; any management and/or operation and maintenance requirements of the cover, including weed, insect, pest, and other controls of undesirable species, and such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding land as determined appropriate by CCC, taking into consideration the needs of water quality, wildlife concerns, and other factors. Site-specific specifications are as follows:

CRP Practice: _____
(Practice Number and Name)

Participant Name: _____ County: _____

Contract Number: _____ FSN: _____ Tract No.: _____

The participant is responsible for maintaining the established practices according to the CRP conservation plan throughout the contract period. The participant should make periodic checks of the enrolled acreage to assure that all practices are functioning properly. The following provisions apply to all CRP contracts during the period covered by the contract:

1. Adequate approved vegetative cover is maintained to control erosion for the CRP-1 period.
2. Undesirable vegetation, weeds, insects, rodents, etc. that pose a threat to existing cover or adversely impact other landowners in the area are controlled.
3. After a final status review, all maintenance will be conducted outside the primary nesting period for wildlife, April 1 through August 15. However to avoid interference with nesting activities and to promote the growth of desirable plants, maintenance activities should not be conducted between April 1 – October 1.
Note: Spot treatment may be done during the primary nesting period, if the County FSA Committee, in consultation with NRCS determines the activity is needed. Spot treatment is limited to the affected areas of the field.
4. Annual maintenance activities on entire fields or same portions of fields for generic weed control and/or cosmetic purposes is prohibited. No haying or grazing, except in certain emergencies as authorized by the USDA FSA.
5. Participants are responsible for fire management on CRP acreage. Where appropriate, firebreaks shall be included in the contract support document and installed according to NRCS Firebreak Standard 394.
6. Other weeds that are not considered to be noxious shall be controlled as described in the “Scheduled Maintenance Requirements” section of this specification sheet. (Requires County FSA Committee approval.)
7. Any scheduled maintenance practices and requirements planned by NRCS working with the participant are described in the “Scheduled Maintenance Requirements” section of this specification sheet.

Signatures: _____	_____
CRP Contract Participant(s)	Date Signed
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_____	_____
NRCS Conservationist	Date Signed
_____	_____
FSA County Committee Representative (if required)	Date Signed

