

## CONTOUR FARMING CODE 330

### Maryland Conservation Practice Implementation Requirements and Certification

<b>Cooperator Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Planner</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Farm/Tract/Field(s)</b>	<b>Program/Contract No. (if applicable)</b>		<b>Amount Planned</b>  AC

<b>Purpose</b> Reduce sheet and rill erosion  Improve surface water quality by reducing the transport of sediment, other solids and the contaminants attached to them
<b>Description of Work</b>
<b>Associated Practices (must be implemented in combination with this practice)</b>

SITE DESIGN CRITERIA						
Soil Map Unit	Field(s)	Water Erosion (T/A/Y)	Slope (%)	Length of Slope (ft)	Min Row Grade (%)	Max Row Grade (%)

MINIMUM RIDGE HEIGHT SPECIFICATIONS		
Crops with Row Spacing Greater Than 2 Inches	Crops with Row Spacing of 2 Inches or Less	No-Till Planting
		Not required, provided at least 50% surface residue present between the rows after planting.

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

- Perform all tillage and planting operations parallel to contour baselines or terraces, diversions, or contour buffer strip boundaries where these practices are used, provided the applicable row grade criteria are met.
- Where terraces, diversions, or contour buffer strips are not present, maintain contour markers on grades that, when followed during establishment of each crop, will maintain crop rows at designed grades. Contour markers may be field boundaries, a crop row left untilled near or on an original contour baseline, or other readily identifiable, continuous, lasting markers. Conduct all tillage and planting operation parallel to the established marker. If a marker is lost, reestablish a contour baseline within the applicable criteria set forth by this standard before seedbed preparation for the next crop.
- Begin farming operations on the contour baselines and proceed both up and down the slope in a parallel pattern until patterns meet. Where field operations begin to converge between two non-parallel contour baselines, establish a correction area that is either permanently in grass, established to an annual close-grown crop, or has 75 to 95 percent ground cover.
- Renovate field borders and other permanently vegetated turn-row areas as needed to maintain at least 65 percent ground cover. Maintain adequate grass widths to allow farm implements room to turn.

<p><b>Additional Operations and Maintenance</b></p>
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<b>CERTIFICATION (FOR AGENCY USE ONLY)</b>	
<b>Supporting Documentation (for file)</b>	
Map showing practice location	RUSLE2 printout
<p><b>Planning Certification</b></p> <p>This practice was planned according to NRCS standards and specifications.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Job Class: _____</p>	<p><b>Implementation Certification</b></p> <p>This practice was applied according to NRCS standards and specifications.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Amount: _____ Date: _____</p>
Signature by individual with appropriate JAA _____ Date _____	Signature by individual with appropriate JAA _____ Date _____
<b>Reporting Checklist</b>	
CPA-06 Notes	Report in Toolkit
File copy of completed IR sheet	Other reporting tools (optional)