



**Soil Quality Enhancement Activity – SQL11 – Cover cropping in orchards, vineyards and other woody perennial horticultural crops**

**State Criteria (same as NATIONAL CRITERIA)**

**Cover Crop Requirements**

- Cover crops cannot be mechanically harvested. Grazing is allowed after plant establishment.
- Cover crops must follow planting dates, seeding rates, method of planting and other requirements in Conservation Practice Standard [340, Cover Crop](#). Specifications will be provided on the [Cover Crop Worksheet \(NE-CPA-7\)](#).
- Cover crop mixes must include a warm season or cool season grass and provide at least 85% soil coverage.

For a list of potential cover crop species refer to Table 1 associated with the [Cover Crop Worksheet \(NE-CPA-7\)](#) or in the Cover Crop Standard (340) in the Field Office Technical Guide.

**Documentation Requirements (SEE NATIONAL ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY JOBSHEET)**

**In addition:**

Complete, sign, and attach [Cover Crop worksheet NE-CPA-7](#) showing the cover crops grown, seeding date, seeding rate, fertilizer applied, and the method and date of termination.

**I certify that the enhancement criteria have been met and the required documentation provided to NRCS.**

**Certified by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_