

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**  
**Conservation Crop Rotation**  
**CODE 328**

Inspections and maintenance are required to obtain the desired results of the Conservation Crop Rotation practice. A maintenance program shall be followed that is consistent with the purpose of this practice, its intended life, and criteria for its design. Items to inspect and maintain during the 1 year service life of the Conservation Crop Rotation practice are:

- Proper chemical and/or mechanical site preparations should be done prior to planting to ensure good soil to seed contact and minimize weed competition.
- Rotations shall provide for acceptable substitute crops in case of crop failure or shift in planting intentions for weather related or economic reasons. Acceptable substitutes are crops having similar properties that will accomplish the purpose of the original crop.
- Any use of pesticides and other chemicals shall be applied following manufacturer's recommendations and all label directions.
- Replant any annual crop or rotational cover crop if more than 30% is lost due to waterfowl or wildlife browsing.
- Repair and re-seed any areas where sheet, rill, or gully erosion is occurring.
- Weed competition may be controlled using mowing and herbicides, however great care should be taken to minimize negative impacts to pollinator species.
- Any rotational cover crop should be terminated as late as feasible to maximize plant growth and still prepare the seedbed for the subsequent crop.

Site Specific Notes: