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OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN **SURFACE DRAIN, FIELD DITCH**

Field Ditches are designed to collect and convey excess surface and subsurface water. The estimated life span of the installation is at least 15 years. The life of this conservation practice can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a good inspection and maintenance program including the following requirements:

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- As a minimum inspect field ditches annually and after major storm events.
- Maintain channel cross section and gradient by removing sediment deposits or other obstructions caused by erosion, sloughing, or tillage operations.
- Periodically re-grade farmed field ditches to remove tillage effects.
- Mow vegetated field ditches and maintain a vigorous cover of desirable vegetation.
- Immediately repair damages to side slopes, channel bottom, outlets or other appurtenances.