

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
CONSERVATION PRACTICE SPECIFICATION
DUST CONTROL FROM ANIMAL ACTIVITY ON OPEN LOT
SURFACES**

CODE 375

1. SCOPE

The work shall consist of improving air quality from agricultural operations by modifying cultural and management operations to reduce the amount of airborne dust/particulate matter as shown on the drawings, plans and/or as staked in the field.

2. GENERAL

Agricultural operations shall be performed as specified on the Practice Requirements Sheet. The landowner will be responsible for acquiring and following all necessary local, state, tribal, and federal permits.

3. DUST/PARTICULATE MATTER MANAGEMENT

Animal Lots

Treat open lots with water, manure, animal safe soil stabilizers, mulch, or other cover during harvest and other heavy use periods as specified on the Practice Requirements Sheet to reduce dust from the dust-producing areas.

Reduced speed, restrict access, when using vehicles on the lots to reduce dust.

Other materials may be applicable and shall be considered on a case by case basis by the NRCS engineer.

4. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The owner, operator, contractor, and other persons shall conduct all work and operations in accordance with proper safety codes for the type of equipment and operations being performed with due regard to the safety of all persons and their property.

Other conservation practices might be appropriate to use in conjunction with this practice, such as Heavy Use Area Protection (Code 561) and Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (Code 380).

All materials used for dust control shall meet federal, state, and local regulations and shall be applied strictly in accordance with authorized registered uses, label directions, and all regulations. Containers shall be properly stored and disposed of in a safe manner according to all ordinances and procedures. All safety precautions and industry guidelines shall be followed. Materials used shall not cause negative impacts to ground and surface water quality and shall meet EPA and state regulations for water quality.

5. MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Maintain the animal lot surface in a good condition. This may require inspections and repair or maintenance as needed.

Conservation practice construction specifications are reviewed periodically, and updated if needed. To obtain the current version of this specification, contact the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

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Prevent surface ponding by grading or filling to remove depressions prior to treatment(s). Promptly repair damage areas to prevent further decline. Re-distribute or re-apply material as needed to maintain effectiveness.