

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN  
FOR  
COVER CROPS (340)**

Landowner/user:

Date:

Address:

A properly operated and maintained **Cover Crops Practice** is an asset to your farm operation and your agricultural land. Implementation of Cover Crops will help you to achieve and maintain desired resource conditions by supporting one or more of the following purposes:

- Reduce erosion from wind and water.
- Maintain or increase soil health and organic matter content.
- Reduce water quality degradation by utilizing excessive soil nutrients.
- Suppress excessive weed pressures and break pest cycles.
- Improve soil moisture use efficiency.
- Minimize soil compaction.

This practice will require you to perform periodic operation and maintenance to maintain satisfactory performance. The following are some requirements of the operation and maintenance program.

**Operation and Maintenance**

Lifespan 1 Year

- Evaluate the cover crop to determine if the cover crop is meeting the planned purpose(s). If the cover crop is not meeting the purpose(s) adjust the management, change the species of cover crop, or choose a different technology.
- Establish cover crop within the stated time period and maintain until the stated time/growth stage.

Specific Additional Requirements for Your Practice: