

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN
LIVESTOCK SHELTER STRUCTURE
CODE 576**

Landowner/Operator _____

Job Location _____ GPS _____

Prepared By _____ Date _____

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS

The livestock shelter structure was designed and installed to provide for improved utilization of pastureland and rangeland and to shelter livestock from negative environmental factors. The life of this practice can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out an effective operation and maintenance program. An effective operation and maintenance program includes:

- Inspect the structure annually and after major storm events.
- Maintain the structural and fabric components through the practice lifespan.
- Replace and/or repair maintenance coatings on structural steel components as necessary.
- Periodically tighten the shade cloth to minimize wind damage, if applicable.
- Replace the fabric cover when it has deteriorated due to environmental conditions, if applicable.
- Move portable structures periodically to prevent destruction of vegetation in the immediate area, if applicable.
- If shelters are not moved frequently, collect and remove accumulated animal waste on a regular basis and utilize in accordance with Nutrient Management Plan, as appropriate.

Other _____

