

CONSERVATION COVER

PRACTICE INTRODUCTION

USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service - practice code 327



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This practice involves establishing and maintaining a protective cover of perennial vegetation on land retired from agriculture production.

PRACTICE INFORMATION

This practice reduces soil erosion, associated sedimentation, improves water quality, and creates or enhances wildlife habitat.

Conservation cover applies to land retired from agriculture production. Generally, this

involves land under contract in a land retirement program but does not exclude land retired for other reasons. The practice does not apply to planting vegetation for forage production or on critical eroding sites being protected with vegetative cover.

In selecting plant species for this practice, it is important to consider long term land use objectives. If wildlife is a consideration, adapted species are usually available that can serve more than one objective