



Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



- Ecological Sciences Conservation Practice Standards

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Practice Standard Updates

Updated to align with the most recent national standards.

- Prescribed Burning (CPS 338)
- Windbreak-Shelterbelt Establishment (CPS 380)
- Woody Residue Treatment (384)
- Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)
- Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (395)
- Aquatic Organism Passage (396)
- Fishpond Management (399)
- Feed Management (CPS 592)

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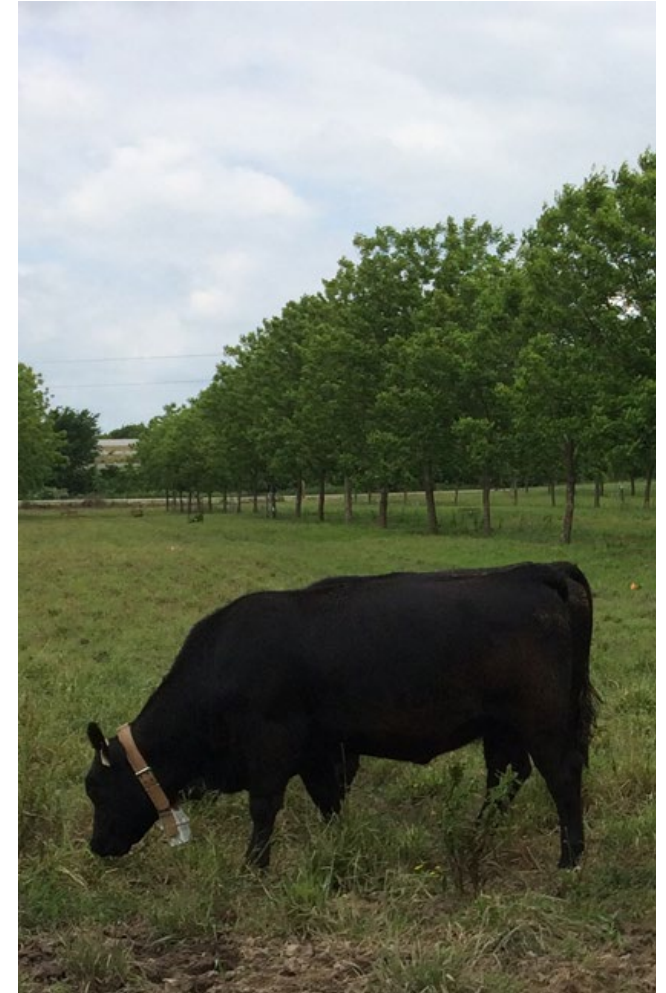
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- Vegetative Barrier (CPS 601)
- Herbaceous Wind Barriers (603)
- Tree-Shrub Establishment (612)
- Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)
- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
- Early Successional Habitat Development (647)
- Forest Trails and Landings (655)
- Wetland Creation (658)
- Wetland Enhancement (659)

New Practice Standards

Silvopasture (CPS 381)

- **Definition:** Establishment and/or management of desired trees, forages, and livestock on the same land unit.
- Nationally only one of ten states that did not offer silvopasture (FY22 data).
- State Grazing Specialist worked with DOF foresters to develop the draft Ohio CPS and Ohio specific requirements.



Silvopasture (CPS 381)

- The practice will only be utilized to add trees to pasture.
- There will be very specific requirements to protect trees from livestock damage.
- Part of the criteria of silvopasture is managing for 30% tree canopy. Any more would limit the growth of forages.



Nonruminant Livestock Outdoor Management of Vegetative Cover (Interim CPS 822)

- **Definition:** Managing the disturbance of soil and vegetation with nonruminant livestock to achieve specific ecological, economic, and management objectives.
- Pasture management for livestock that do not graze.
- Manages the amount of disturbance and rest period for forages.



Interim Practice Standards

- Developed by the States to address resource concerns not covered by existing conservation practice standards.
- These practices are being tested for three years.
- Annual reports are required to determine the successes and pitfalls of the practices.
- National office will then look at the reports from all states to determine if it becomes a permanent standard.

Ohio Interim Practice Standards

- Phosphorus Removal System (ICPS 782)
- Annual Forages for Grazing Systems (ICPS 810)
- Raised Beds (ICPS 812)
- Organic Management (ICPS 823)
- Strategic Harvested Forage Management (ICPS 827)

Draft Ohio ICPS

- Nonruminant Livestock Outdoor Management of Vegetative Cover (ICPS 822)

Proposed revisions to Ohio CPS

- 30-day comment period on proposed revisions
- Comment period closes November 15th
- [Draft Conservation Practice Standards](#)
- Send comments to
SM.RC.OH.StandardComments@USDA.GOV
- Comment will be addressed, and updates will be made to Ohio's FOTG by early December 2024



Questions?



FY 25 Ohio State Technical Committee

- February 13th 2025
 - IN PERSON - London Service Center
- May 8th 2025
 - VIRTUAL – MS Teams
- Summer 2025 TBD
 - State Tech Field Tour