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Conservation Practice Overview

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Controlling Existing Flowing Well (Code 352)

The capping and controlling of an existing flowing artesian well at the wellhead to stop or reduce water discharge from within the well casing.

Practice Information

This practice applies to agricultural land with an existing well intended for agricultural water supply that has uncontrolled water discharge.

A water well evaluation is required before work can begin to control the existing flowing well. The evaluation will determine if the well and water source is adequate for agricultural use. Failure to evaluate the well casing may lead to greater problems than the existing condition. A licensed water well contractor is required onsite during the evaluation to determine if controlling the flow is practical and to recommend methods to control the flow. A licensed water well contractor must perform all work on an existing flowing well.

Common Associated Practices

NRCS Conservation Practice Standard (CPS) Groundwater Testing (Code 355) and Aquifer Flow Test (CEMA 224) are commonly applied with other NRCS CPSs such as Well Decommissioning (Code 351) and Water Well (Code 642).

For further information, contact your local NRCS field office.