



Conservation Practice Overview

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Livestock Pipeline (Code 516)

A livestock pipeline is a pipeline installed to convey water for livestock or wildlife.

Practice Information

The purpose of NRCS Conservation Practice Standard (CPS) Livestock Pipeline (Code 516) is to convey water from the source of supply to the points of use. This practice is also used to reduce energy use. Normally, the objective is to decentralize the location of drinking or water storage facilities. The practice is applicable where water must be piped to another location for management purposes, to conserve the supply, or for reasons of sanitation.



Pipelines installed under this practice are generally for livestock management purposes. A single water source can provide livestock water to several locations and be very effective in improving management of a grazing unit.

Livestock pipelines are also used to provide or distribute drinking water facilities for wildlife.

The livestock pipeline will require maintenance over the expected life of the practice.

Common Associated Practices

CPS Livestock Pipeline (Code 516) is commonly applied with CPSs such as Water Well (Code 642), Spring Development (Code 574), Pond (Code 378), Prescribed Grazing (Code 528), Fence (Code 382), and Watering Facility (Code 614).

For further information, contact your local NRCS field office.