



## Conservation Practice Overview

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### Livestock Shelter Structure (Code 576)

A permanent or portable structure to protect animals from negative environmental factors.

#### Practice Information

A shelter structure is installed to protect livestock from negative environmental factors, such as excessive heat, wind, snow, or cold. This practice can improve the distribution of grazing animals to enhance wildlife habitat, reduce over-used areas, or correct other resource concerns resulting from improper animal distribution. Shelter structures are designed to address snowdrift, as shown in the photo above, or for high heat or over-used areas using mobile structures with light reduction shade cloth, depending on the negative environmental factors.



The design for shade structure will be based on livestock type and size, location, and shade cover type. Wind shelter structures can be of different shapes and sizes depending on the livestock type and zone to be protected.

#### Common Associated Practices

NRCS Conservation Practice Standard (CPS) Livestock Shelter Structure (Code 572) is commonly applied with CPSs such as Prescribed Grazing (Code 528), Fence (Code 382).

For further information, contact your local NRCS field office.