

CRP COVER MAINTENANCE

CRP cover must be maintained in a manner consistent with CRP policy and the Field Office Technical Guide. Mowing for cosmetic purposes or generic weed control is prohibited.

Operation and Maintenance

After the Final Status Review (or a maximum of 3 years after planting), maintain the planting according to your CRP conservation plan. Maintenance activities are allowed only if necessary to maintain stand health or diversity, or to control pests that damage CRP cover or adjacent lands. Noxious weeds, such as Canada thistle and Johnsongrass, must be controlled. Additional information can be found in the *2006 Weed Control Guide for Ohio and Indiana* - Bulletin 789, Publication # WS16 (<http://www.btny.purdue.edu/Pubs/WS/WS-16/ProblemWeeds06.pdf>)

Mowing for generic weed control or for cosmetic purposes is strictly prohibited.

Maintenance activities, such as herbicide applications, are NOT allowed from April 1 through August 1 to protect ground-nesting wildlife during the primary nesting and brood-rearing season. If maintenance activities are needed at times other than these, the FSA County Committee must approve the maintenance activity prior to the activity occurring. Maintenance activities should be conducted on a “spot” basis only.

Haying / Grazing

Haying/grazing is not allowed for continuous CRP practices. Exclude all acres from haying and grazing year round. Fences may need to be constructed and maintained to exclude livestock the entire year.

The contract area cannot be used for field roads or other uses that damage or destroy the cover.