

TSSWCB APPROVED PRACTICES AND EXPECTED LIFE

08/27/2020

Code	Practice Name and Unit	Minimum Life Span in Years
313	Waste Storage Facility (no.) (See note 10 & 11)	15
314	Brush Management (acre)	10
316	Animal Mortality Facility (no.) (See note 8)	5/10
317	Composting Facility (no.)	15
324	Deep Tillage (acre) (See note 15)	1
327	Conservation Cover (acre)	5
332	Contour Buffer Strips (acre)	5
342	Critical Area Planting (acre)	10
350	Sediment Basin (no.) (See note 11)	20
351	Well Decommissioning (no.) (See note 7)	20
359	Waste Treatment Lagoon (no.)	15
360	Waste Facility Closure (no.) (See note 13)	15
362	Diversion (ft.)	10
378	Pond (no.) (See note 4)	20
382	Fence (ft.) (See note 1)	20
386	Field Border (ft.)	10
390	Riparian Herbaceous Cover (acre) (See note 14)	5
391	Riparian Forest Buffer (acre) (See note 12)	15
393	Filter Strip (acre)	10
410	Grade Stabilization Structure (no.)	15
412	Grassed Waterway (acre)	10
428A	Irrigation Water Conveyance Ditch and Canal Lining, Plain Concrete (ft.)	20
430	Irrigation Pipeline (ft.)	20
436	Irrigation Reservoir (ac.-ft.)	15
	IRRIGATION SYSTEM (no. and acre) [441-443]	
441	Microirrigation (all needed components)	15
442	Sprinkler-low pressure-new installations	15
442	Sprinkler – Conversion to low pressure	15
442	Sprinkler – Chemigation equipment	15
443	Surface – Surge valves	15
447	Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery (no.)	15
462	Precision Land Forming (acre)	10
464	Irrigation Land Leveling (acre)	15
512	Forage and Biomass Planting (acre) (See note 3)	5
516	Livestock Pipeline (ft.)	20
521	Pond Sealing or Lining (no.)	15/20
533	Pumping Plant (no.)	15
550	Range Planting (acre) (See note 5)	5
558	Roof Runoff Structure (no.) (See note 16)	15
560	Access Road (hard surface lanes) (ft.) (See note 11)	10
587	Structure For Water Control (No.) (See note 2)	10/20
600	Terrace (ft.)	10
606	Subsurface Drain (ft.)	20
612	Tree/Shrub Establishment (acre) (See note 12)	15
614	Watering Facility (no.)	10
632	Waste Separation Facility (no.)	15
634	Waste Transfer (no.) (See note 9 & 11)	15
635	Vegetated Treatment Area (acre)	10
638	Water and Sediment Control Basin (no.)	10
642	Water Well (no.) (See note 6)	20
642	Well Head Protection (no.)	20
655	Forest Trails and Landings (ft. and/or acre)	5

GUIDANCE NOTES	
NOTE 1	Cost sharing of fences for management will be limited only to that needed to install a sound management system for the unit. Property line fences are not eligible for cost share. Cost share will not be allowed for fences between cropland and grassland. Fences installed to protect stream health will be eligible for cost sharing.
NOTE 2	Applicable only for flow meters, chemigation valves, shallow flood, rice (all needed components), pump boxes (life span 10yrs.) and concrete turnout structure – small/large (life span 20yrs.).
NOTE 3	No cost-share assistance will be provided for the conversion of rangeland to pastureland when rangeland is in a high-fair or better condition. Fair condition rangeland in a downward trend or with excessive erosion would be allowed.
NOTE 4	Ponds are eligible for cost-share only when required for sound grazing management. At the January 18, 2018 board meeting the board approved the continued use of NRCS Conservation Practice Standard 378-Pond that was approved by NRCS on March 11, 2005.
NOTE 5	Cost sharing will not be provided for range seeding where 15 percent desirable grasses are present. Desirable grasses are defined as decreasers and good quality increasers. These climax dominant grasses are listed in the technical range site description.
NOTE 6	Wells are eligible for cost-share only when required to provide livestock water for sound grazing management.
NOTE 7	Well plugging must meet requirements of Water Well Drillers Rules 16 TAC, Chapter 76, §76.104.
NOTE 8	Cost-share is limited to poultry incinerators, freezers and in-vessel composters. Compressor alone may be cost-shared if existing freezer box is in working condition. Applicant must obtain from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality authorization to operate the incinerator prior to payment of cost-share. Incinerators must be placed on concrete slabs. In-vessel composters must meet NRCS GS-316 Installation of In-Vessel Composter and have a minimum life span of 10 years.
NOTE 9	Eligible components: Waste transfer pipelines, pumps, sprinklers (including traveling sprinklers) and agitators.
NOTE 10	Eligible components: Dry stack manure storage structures and waste storage ponds (including liners, liner certification, and inlet protection).
NOTE 11	Eligible only when addressing waste management of animal feeding operations.
NOTE 12	Riparian forest buffer and tree/shrub establishment are only eligible for mechanical altered areas and critically eroding areas when trees are the best cover to protect these areas from erosion, reduce runoff, and protect water quality.
NOTE 13	Waste impoundments constructed with Water Quality Management Program cost-share funds are not eligible to be cost-shared for closure unless they have been in place longer than their minimum life span. Waste impoundments constructed under other cost-share programs – ACP, LTA, EQIP, etc. – are not eligible to be cost-shared for closure unless they have been in place longer than their minimum life span or permission to close the structure is granted by the cost sharing entity.
NOTE 14	Riparian Herbaceous Buffer is only eligible for mechanical altered areas and critically eroding areas.
NOTE 15	Only applicable for waste application fields.
NOTE 16	Limited to gutters associated with waste management of animal feeding operations; gutters and storage tanks associated with agricultural use buildings, for capturing water for ag use.