



Northwest Florida Water Management District Cover Crop Worksheet



Purpose: Cover crops are grasses, legumes, forbs, grains, and other species planted for vegetative cover during non-productive or fallow periods. Primary functions of cover crops are to reduce erosion from wind and water, reduce water quality degradation by utilizing excessive soil nutrients, improve soil moisture use efficiency, increase soil health and organic matter, and minimizing soil compaction.

*The information below must be completed and approved by District personnel prior to planting.

Producer Information

Name: _____
Contract Number: _____
Address: _____
Phone number: _____
Email: _____

*Single species cover crops will be reimbursed at a flat rate of \$55 per acre and a multi-species blend will be reimbursed at a flat rate of \$65 per acre. Additional fields may be added as needed.

Cover Crop Establishment Plan

Field Name or #	Species Selection	Seeding Rate (lbs. per acre)	Acres	Total Seed Needed (lbs.)

I certify that the acreage agreed upon and indicated below will be established as a cover crop and will be maintained as required for the non-productive or fallow period.

Producer Name

Date



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Cover Crop Inspection Worksheet

Worksheet must be completed and approved by the District prior to payment.

Producer Name _____ Contract Number: _____

Indicator	-----Score-----				
	1	2	3	4	5
1. Cover Crop Coverage	Amount (%) of plant cover.				
	< 20%	21-40%	41-60%	61-80%	> 80%
2. Bare Ground Present	Amount (%) of exposed soil not protected by plant cover.				
	> 40%	31-40%	21-30%	10-20%	< 10%
3. Weedy Plant Coverage	Amount (%) of weedy and/or invasive plant species.				
	> 45%	31-45%	16-30%	5-15%	< 5%
4. Pest Damage (Insects, disease)	Amount (%) of damage to cover caused by insects or disease.				
	> 45%	31-45%	16-30%	5-15%	< 5%

Indicator	Field Name or #							
	-----Score-----							
1								
2								
3								
4								
Total Score								

Total Score for each field must be a minimum of 14 points, including at least **61% Cover Crop Coverage**, for this practice to be successful and eligible for payment. Inspections will typically be scheduled three to four months after planting.

Certification for payment

The Producer certifies that the fields will be maintained per the farm plan including any appropriate remedial actions (e.g. weed control, etc.) when identified.

Producer, Date

District Representative, Date