

Conservation Practices Records for ACES

Noxious and Invasive Weeds

Records should contain the following:

1. Weeds of concern
2. Map, updated as needed
3. Method(s) of control
4. Time of control
5. If chemicals are used, list of type(s) and records kept according to ACES, State of Utah and label requirements
6. If grazing on State, Federal or other land over which the operator has no real control, then a list of weeds should be kept with a map in case an opportunity arises in which the weed(s) can be managed.

Integrated Pest Management

Records should contain at least the following:

1. List of pests
2. Map, updated as needed
3. How pest risk was evaluated (threshold levels)
4. Method(s) of control
5. Time of control
6. If chemicals are used, list of type(s) and records kept according to ACES, State of Utah and label requirements
7. Follow up assessment

Irrigation Management

Records should contain at least the following:

1. Map, updated as needed
2. Type(s) of irrigation methods used on individual field(s)
3. Evaluate methods which could improve water usage
4. If uncontrolled wild flood is used, then operation is not eligible for ACES until conservation methods have been implemented.

Nutrient Management Plan

Records showing reasonable measures for each type of operation (animal feeding operation and/or cropping) should be kept as follows:

1. Manure tested at least yearly and records kept for 5 years
2. Soil test according to crop (yearly for annuals and every three years for perennials) and records kept for 5 years
3. Storage should be checked monthly and records kept of freeboard
4. Storage should be emptied by November each year and checked for problems
5. Storage should be checked more often during storm events to prevent discharge
6. Map of field(s), updated as needed
7. Crop production by individual field(s), updated as needed
8. Amount of fertilizer applied per field(s)
9. Time of application, recorded at least monthly
10. How mortality is disposed of
11. Number and type(s) of animals
12. Transfer records of manure

Grazing and Pasture

Records should contain at least the following information:

1. Map of grazing system (pastures and/or allotment)
2. Grazing plan and records showing that the plan is being followed.
3. If a holder of a permit, need to provide planner with a copy of the grazing and/or allotment plan and the name and contact information of person who oversees the permit.