



CSP Job Sheet EPL03

United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Plant Management Enhancement Activities

The Conservation Security Program (CSP) offers a new enhancement activity opportunity to reward or encourage the increased health and vigor of plants by promoting the natural regeneration of desired maple syrup species by eliminating the grazing of livestock in the sugarbush and to minimize the cutting of regeneration of these desired species throughout the sap collection area. This enhancement is available once the applicant qualifies for CSP by meeting the program's entry requirements for soil and water quality.

The following information will help landowners and managers determine if they are eligible for the offered payment(s) for this water quality enhancement activity.

PROMOTE NATURAL REGENERATION OF DESIRED SPECIES AND MINIMIZE THE CUTTING OF REGENERATION OF DESIRED SPECIES AROUND THE SAP LINES



Regeneration of the mature forest by in growth of seedlings and saplings into the canopy is a natural process in the maple forest. Sap collection should not disturb this process by over-cutting or brush hogging natural regeneration of desired species for the convenience of

managing sap buckets or sap lines. Additionally, livestock grazing in the maple stand promotes soil compaction and root damage and should be avoided.

Promoting the natural regeneration of maple species should be monitored by a certified forester so that they can determine what over cutting is for your unique operation and what regenerated trees should be cut, if any.

Documentation Required: Attach a plan map showing the field locations where regeneration is occurring and where the cutting of regeneration of desired species around the sap lines is taking place. Include the applicable section of your Forest Management Plan that refers to select cutting of natural regenerated species.

Promote Natural Regeneration Certification

I certify that I have been utilizing the natural regeneration of desired species within my enrolled sugarbush acres and have minimized cutting of these regenerated species, which can be viewed on the attached plan map, with the assistance of my certified forester.

Name: _____ Date: _____