

Habitat Management Enhancements



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Enhance winter wildlife food through no fall tillage residue management.

Definition

Annual crop residues left undisturbed from harvest through March 15.

Purpose

Crop residues provide food and cover for migratory and resident wildlife species. Left undisturbed, these crop residues provide food that is readily accessible until heavy snow fall. Tall stubble will provide a safer environment for wildlife, especially ground feeding birds such as sharp-tailed grouse, pheasants, mourning doves, and turkey. Tall stubble catches more snow, reducing the amount of snow that enters into the winter cover and will provide snow burrowing opportunities for sharp-tailed grouse and Hungarian partridge.

Where Used

This wildlife enhancement provides a food source and cover for various wildlife species on all cropland fields.

Operation and Maintenance

Un-disturbed crop residues must be left standing from harvest until March 15 of the following year. No mechanical treatment or aftermath grazing is allowed.

Crop Year	Field Number	Acres	Crop Type

Payment Rate

The payment rate is annual payment per acre of cropland left untilled until March 15th.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and that, if requested, I will provide additional documentation to support the above information.

Signature _____ **Date** _____