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Un-harvested Forage Enhancement – Wildlife

Definition

Un-harvested tame hay land for wildlife escape, roosting, nesting or winter cover and food.

Purpose

Secure nesting cover is often limited where crop and hay production is the primary land use. Un-harvested tame hay land provides undisturbed wildlife escape, roosting, nesting or winter cover and food. Un-harvested grass/forb cover blocks provide nesting cover while haying and crop management activities are occurring on adjacent fields. Herbaceous cover plots also provide roosting and thermal cover allowing a variety of wildlife species to access cropland food supplies during winter. Pollinator insects also benefit from undisturbed cover.

Where Used

Can be used for entire or portions of tame hay land fields. Minimum acres of un-harvested hay land fields can not be less than 10% of each field with a minimum width of 100'. The same area of un-harvested hay land can be used for a maximum of 3 consecutive years.

Operation and Maintenance

Hay can not be used for aftermath grazing the growing season left un-harvested. Un-harvested hay fields must be in a block nearing as square a configuration as possible.

Documentation Required

Year	Field Number	Acres	Acres Un-harvested	Target Wildlife Species

Payment – Payment per acre of forage un-harvested.