United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Animal Enhancement Activity – *ANM16 - Harvesting Crops Using a Stripper Header*

Small grain residue remaining after harvest using a stripper header.

Harvesting crops using a stripper header
Crops will be harvested using a combine with a stripper header so residue of a minimum of 18 inches high will be left standing in the field.

Land Use Applicability
This enhancement is applicable on cropland.

Benefits
The traditional harvesting of small grains such as wheat usually leaves only a portion of the stalk standing, often less than 12 inches in height. In addition, those portions of the stalk cut during the harvest are either left in a mat on the field or are baled for straw. When using a combine with a stripper header, only the seed head is cut and the entire stalk is left standing. There is no mat of vegetation on the ground that can hinder wildlife/bird movement and the standing stalks may be 24 inches or more in height. This provides winter cover to protect wildlife and birds from the elements and predators.

Criteria for Harvesting crops using a stripper header
This enhancement is for use on dry fields and not fields subject to flooding, including rice fields. Standing residue must not be cut or burned until the landowner is ready to plant a follow-up crop. Standing residue must be a minimum of 18 inches in height. Producers should refrain from all post-harvest chemical and tillage weed control.

Documentation Requirements for Harvesting crops using a stripper header

1. The landowner must provide written documentation stating which fields were harvested using a stripper header.
2. The landowner must provide a map showing which field(s) was harvested using a stripper header.

ALABAMA SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR THIS ENHANCEMENT

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Documentation Form

Producer Name:		**Date:**
Tract Number(s):	**County:**	
Field Number(s):	**Harvest Date(s) Utilizing a Stripper Header:**	**Acres:**

This submitted information accurately reflects the implementation of this enhancement.

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