

<b>Course Name: Cropland Wildlife Habitat Management - Module</b>	
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**Overview:** This course emphasizes the characteristics and habitat requirements of wildlife species normally associated with cropland ecosystems. It covers the life history information of common cropland species and their associated habitat requirements. This course covers conservation practices, program guides, and technical guidance tools that aid in the planning for these species.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this course is to provide information and techniques for planning and maintaining habitat for common wildlife species associated with cropland ecosystems. This information will result in conservation plans that assist customers in making decisions that conserve, maintain, and improve cropland resources.

**Prerequisites:**

- Read the following Standards and Specification in the FOTG
  - 327 Conservation Cover
  - 386 Field Border
  - 392 Filter Strip
  - 422 Hedgerow Planting
  - 645 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
  - Wildlife Food Plots

**Duration:** One day

**Target Audience:** NRCS and conservation partner employees providing conservation planning assistance to customers.

**Expected Outcomes:** The minimum cropland wildlife planning proficiency level expected at the end of the course is 3 - Perform with supervision

**Resources needed:** Michigan Field Office Technical Guide, "Managing Michigan's Wildlife: A landowner's guide"

Outline for: **Cropland Wildlife Habitat Management - Module**

Part 1: In classroom

Review cropland systems in Michigan

Review life history of common species including: Quail, cottontail rabbit, mourning dove, Garter snake, Dickcissel

Practices for cropland ecosystems including filter strips, wildlife corridors, conservation tillage, grassed waterways

Part 2: In field

Review local cropland practices