



United States Department of Agriculture
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Wildlife Management Enhancement Activity – Leave Standing Grain or Establish Food Plot (MI-EHM01)

Wildlife Management

The lack of winter food and cover limit many resident wildlife populations in Michigan due to snow cover and low temperatures.

Benefits

Providing additional food and cover in agricultural fields during the winter can positively impact wildlife survival rates by reducing starvation rates and predation.

Criteria for Wildlife Management Enhancement Activity

This enhancement requires the implementation of one of the following activities:

- A minimum of 5 percent of the grain crop per field (corn, soybeans or wheat) will be unharvested and left standing over the winter. This 5 percent will be in 1 block that is a minimum of 50 feet wide.
- Establish and manage 1 acre of grain food plot per 40 acres of crop field. The grain crop will be managed according to crop needs.

This enhancement payment will be only on the acres that are unharvested grain or established food plot. The following documentation will be required:

1. Location maps of the unharvested grains or food plots
2. Written documentation when the activities were performed
3. Copies of dated receipts for materials and services purchased

References:

USDA, NRCS, Conservation Practice Standard 645, Upland Wildlife Habitat Management, Electronic Field office Technical Guide

USDA, NRCS Conservation Management Sheet-Biology Series, “Grain Food Plots for Wildlife,” Electronic Field Office Technical Guide, East Lansing, Michigan
[http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/MI/Grain_Food_Plots_for_Wildlife_\(645\).pdf](http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/MI/Grain_Food_Plots_for_Wildlife_(645).pdf)



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CSP Enhancement Certification Sheet

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Participant Acknowledgement Statement:

I agree to apply this enhancement under the terms and conditions of my CSP contract and understand the requirements of the activity.

The participant must choose at least one of the activities below.

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- Establish and manage 1 acre of grain food plot per 40 acres of crop field. The grain crop will be managed according to crop needs.

Compensation will be on a per unit basis as described in my CSP contract.

I agree that the following information will be provided to NRCS upon request:

1. Location maps of the unharvested grains or food plots
2. Written documentation when the activities were performed
3. Copies of dated receipts fro materials and services purchased

I understand that it is my responsibility to obtain all necessary permits and to comply with all laws, regulations and ordinances pertaining to the application of these activities.

Accepted by: _____ **Date:** _____