



CONSERVATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY

E328L

CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Leaving tall crop residue for wildlife

Conservation Practice 328: Conservation Crop Rotation

APPLICABLE LAND USE: Crop (annual and mixed)

RESOURCE CONCERN ADDRESSED: Animals

ENHANCEMENT LIFE SPAN: 1 Year

Enhancement Description

Fields may be harvested but must leave crop residue standing a minimum of 14 inches. Residue will be left through winter and into spring, providing valuable winter cover and forage for wildlife spanning late summer and through the following winter.

Criteria

- The entire crop field must be harvested with residual stubble height minimum of 14 inches on average throughout the field. Only acres with this minimum stubble height are eligible for payment.
- Stubble must remain undisturbed until the State designated date in the following year to provide cover throughout winter months
- Planting and management of cover crops is not prohibited if it does not compromise the height and structure of the stubble cover
- States will supply a list of eligible crops and specify the dates that stubble must remain undisturbed for this enhancement.
- When possible, reduce or eliminate the use of herbicide treatments on weedy growth between the rows to provide additional cover and food sources for wildlife.



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Documentation and Implementation Requirements

Participant will:

- Prior to implementation, develop a map showing planned location(s), crop type(s) and acreage of crops to leave tall standing stubble.
- After implementation, provide photo documentation of stubble height left standing.

NRCS will:

- As needed, provide technical assistance in selecting crop rotations or substitute crops that would meet the criteria of the enhancement.
- As needed, provide additional assistance to the participant.
- After implementation, verify stubble height and ensure stubble is left standing after winter months.

NRCS Documentation Review:

I have reviewed all required participant documentation and have determined the participant has implemented the enhancement and met all criteria and requirements.

Participant Name _____ Contract Number _____

Total Amount Applied _____ Fiscal Year Completed _____

NRCS Technical Adequacy Signature

Date



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Additional Criteria for Iowa:

- **Iowa eligible crops**
 - Corn for grain, no residue removal
 - Alfalfa/Hay not harvest after August 31
 - Small grains, no straw removal
- Residue must remain undisturbed until April 1.
- No grazing of residue is allowed.
- Enhancement is considered applied after overwintering.