

## **CONSERVATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY**

## E328D



## Leave standing grain crops unharvested to benefit wildlife

**Conservation Practice 328: Conservation Crop Rotation** 

APPLICABLE LAND USE: Crop (Annual & Mixed)

**RESOURCE CONCERN: ANIMALS** 

**ENHANCEMENT LIFE SPAN: 1 Year** 

#### **Enhancement Description**

Implement a crop rotation which allows a portion of grain crops to be left in fields unharvested to provide food and cover for wildlife during winter months.

#### Criteria

- Crops must be grown in a planned sequence as outlined in the plan. The crop rotation shall include a minimum of three different crops. For this purpose, a cover crop is considered a different crop.
- Where applicable, plan suitable crop substitutions when the planned crop cannot be planted due to weather, soil conditions, or other local situations.
- Select the crops and crop management activities that provide food, cover, and shelter for the targeted wildlife species using an approved habitat evaluation procedure.
- Leave a minimum ½ acre of unharvested, standing grain crops for each 40 acres of cropland. Unharvested plots shall be located in a single location on the 40 acre unit and additional plots shall be located on different 40 acres. This enhancement is to be planned, contracted, and implemented on an entire field, not just the unharvested acres.

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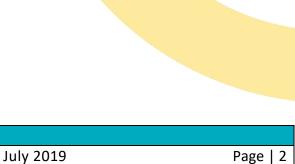


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Locate the unharvested plots adjacent to permanent cover such as brushy fence rows, field borders, forest land, or wetlands (this does not include newly established vegetation).



Leave unharvested crops standing over winter until it is time to prepare the soil for planting the next crop.





Participant will:

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## **Documentation and Implementation Requirements**

# CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Prior to implementation, provide NRCS with the
planned crop rotation.

	planned crop rotation.			
Fi	eld	Acres	Planned Crops (in sequence)	Length of Crop Rotation (years)
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			plementation, develop a map showing planned location(s), cro crops to be left unharvested.	pp type(s), and
	During implementation, notify NRCS of any planned changes in crops, crop rotation, or unharvested areas to verify the planned system meets the enhancement criteria.			
	During implementation, take photos of all unharvested plots. Photos must indicate field location and date.			
		cument	ementation, if changes to the rotation were made, complete the applied Conservation Crop Rotation for the contract period	
	acr	eage of	ementation, make a map showing implemented location(s), crops that were left unharvested each year available for reviewementation of the enhancement.	
		•	ementation, make photos of the unharvested plots available for rify implementation of the enhancement.	r review by
NRCS will:				
			provide technical assistance in selecting crop rotations or sub	stitute crops that
			provide technical assistance in selecting crops for food, cover to the approved habitat evaluation procedure.	, and shelter
	As ı	needed,	provide additional assistance to the participant as requested.	

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During implementation, evaluate planned crop changes, crop rotation, or unharvested areas to verify the planned system meets the enhancement criteria.
After implementation, review the man(s) showing



- ☐ After implementation, review the map(s) showing implemented location(s), crop type(s), and acreage of crops that were left unharvested each year, to verify implementation of the enhancement.
- ☐ After implementation, review photos of unharvested plots to verify implementation of the enhancement.

#### **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
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NRCS Technical Adequacy Signature	Date