



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

Sign and Certify in Oregon Supplement below



Oregon Supplement To Conservation Enhancement Activity **E328L**

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References and Additional Criteria for Oregon

Stubble must remain in field until July 15th to provide habitat through breeding, fawning, calving, and nesting season. See [Oregon Biology Tech Note 27- Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guides here](#)

Approved Crop List

- Wheat, Rye, Spelt, Camelina, Sorghum, Corn
- Artichoke, Asparagus, Broccoli, Tomato, Sunflower, rhubarb
- For other crops contact Oregon State Agronomist

Design Approvals & Acknowledgements:

Design Approval	Date	Job Approval Authority
Designed by:		
Approved by:		

Client's Acknowledgement Statement:

The client acknowledges:

- I have received a copy of the specification and understand the contents and requirements.
- It is my responsibility to obtain all necessary permits and/or rights and to comply with all ordinances and laws pertaining to the application of this practice.
- I will not begin installation of this practice until I have received appropriate approval to do so. I understand NRCS also has Federal and state laws to comply with that may take some time to address (e.g. cultural resources).

Client's	Date
Signature	

Certification Documentation:

	Field Evaluation: Post-treatment inventory, measurements, notes, as-built, and supporting documentation (document completion in conservation plan), as required.
	Map(s): Including field numbers, fields treated, and units treated (may document on conservation plan map), as required.
	Photos or other supporting documentation (e.g., seed tags, soil tests, receipts, invoices, spray records, fertilizer records, etc.)
Brief Description of Work Accomplished (types of equipment used, date of application, extents and quantities installed, etc.)	

Certification Statement:

The employee certifies the implementation of this conservation practice:

- Meets the purpose, general criteria, and any required additional criteria as documented in the conservation practice standard and/or enhancement sheet.
- Meets the specifications contained herein and is complete.
- Conforms to my existing Job Approval Authority controlling factors and levels.

Name	Date	Job Approval Authority

Field Level Certification – For multiple applications of this design.				
Land Unit/ Contract Item Number	Date	Unit(s)	Amount Installed	Certifier