

FY2021 EQIP Working Land for Wildlife – New England Cottontail

New England Cottontail Applicability Question

1. Does the PLU intersect the national WLFW-NEC boundary layer?
 - a. WLFW-New England Cottontail Project Area
 - b. Otherwise

New England Cottontail Category Question

1. Is the application for the development of New England Cottontail habitat?

New England Cottontail Program Questions

1. Is the land included in the application located within the MA Source Water Protection Area?
 - a. Source Water Protection Area
 - b. Otherwise
2. Are practices planned in the application on land in the Massachusetts' NEC focus area?
 - a. Massachusetts NEC focus area
 - b. Otherwise
3. Is the project located within 3 kilometers of a recent documented occurrence of New England Cottontail?
4. Does the land included in the application adjoin an area with known populations of New England Cottontail?

New England Cottontail Resource Questions

1. Habitat Priority
 - a. PLU is within NEC project boundary
 - b. PLU intersects NEC project boundary
 - c. Any other answer
2. Direct Target Species Benefits
 - a. NEC occupancy verified on the PLU in past 3 years
 - b. NEC occupancy verified adjacent to PLU in past 3 years
 - c. NEC occupancy verified within dispersal distance (1-4 miles) of the PLU in the past 3 years
 - d. Any other answer
3. Threats
 - a. Eastern cottontail documented on the PLU
 - b. Eastern cottontail documents adjacent to the PLU
 - c. Eastern cottontail documented within ½ mile of PLU
 - d. Any other answer
4. Landscape Position of the PLY
 - a. PLU is in a landscape with other suitable NEC habitat adjacent
 - b. PLU is in a landscape with other suitable NEC habitat within 1 mile
 - c. PLU is in a landscape with other suitable NEC habitat within 4 miles
 - d. Any other answer

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New England Cottontail Practices
Access Control (472)
Access Road (560)
Brush Management (314)
Conservation Cover (327)
Critical Area Planting (342)
Early Successional Habitat Development (647)
Field Border (386)
Firebreak (394)
Forest Stand Improvement (666)
Forest Trails and Landings (655)
Hedgerow Planting (422)
Herbaceous Weed Treatment (315)
Mulching (484)
Prescribed Burning (338)
Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities (643)
Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)
Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490)
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
Wetland Restoration (657)
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)
Wildlife Habitat Planting (420)

New England Cottontail Priority Resource Concerns/Resource Concern Categories
Degraded Plant Condition
Terrestrial Habitat