
ENHANCEMENT: ANNUALLY IMPROVE GRASSLAND WILDLIFE SURVIVAL AND REPRODUCTION BY MOWING A HAYFIELD BEGINNING IN THE CENTER AND CUTTING OUT TO THE EDGES.

DESCRIPTION

By enhancing your hay harvest management by mowing from the field center out, you will reduced damage to populations of wildlife that favor nesting sites in tall grass such as wild turkey, rabbits, quail and meadowlark. Most adult animals nesting in the field will be flushed out of the field. The animals may return to re-nest in the field when grass growth recovers.

This activity involves modifying the typical patter of cutting grass for hay. Following this method, the cutting begins near the center of the field and continues outward, toward the field edges.

The enhancement payment of \$10 per acre is based on the acreage of hay harvested in this manner each year.

REQUIREMENTS

Include these practice requirements in the conservation plan:

- When mowing hay, begin cutting in the center of the field and continuing cutting out toward the field edges.

Maintain records of the practice using the table on the back of this sheet.

RECORDKEEPING: In order to verify compliance with the requirements, use this form to document the implementation and maintenance of this enhancement.

Field(s)	Mowing Date	Cut From Center Out?	Date Checked
		YES NO	
		YES NO	
		YES NO	
		YES NO	