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Forage Harvest Management.



**DEFINITION**

The timely cutting and removal of forages as hay, silage (haylage, baleage), or greenchop.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of forage harvest management may be to:

- Optimize the economic yield of forage at the desired quality and quantity.
- Promote vigorous plant regrowth.
- Maintain desired species composition of the stand.
- Control insects, diseases and weeds.
- Maintain and/or improve wildlife habitat.

**OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

Brush management operations will comply with all local, state, and federal laws and ordinances.

Evaluate regrowth or reoccurrence of target species after sufficient time has passed to monitor the situation and gather reliable data to determine success and/or need for additional treatment.

Following initial application, some regrowth, resprouting, or reoccurrence of brush should be expected. Spot treatment of individual plants or areas needing retreatment should be done as needed.

Additional Operation and Maintenance requirements specific to this Plan:

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**Forage Harvest Management for Crops**

Farm #	Field #	Acres	Plant Species	Number of Cuttings	Growth Stage at Harvest	Minimum height at 1 <sup>st</sup> frost killing

**Forage Harvest Management for Wildlife**

Farm #	Field #	Acres	Wildlife Concern	Plant Species	Minimum height at 1 <sup>st</sup> frost killing *(6 in)	Harvest Date Mid Sep – Mid Apr

\*Recommend height at killing frost is 6 inches to ensure adequate cover for nesting birds.

- See Pest Management Plan for information about pest control.
- See Nutrient Management Plan for fertilization recommendations.

**Refer to the conservation plan map for the location of Forage Harvest Management for Wildlife.**