



United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

CSP Job Sheet H-11

HABITAT MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT

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NEBRASKA

Name: _____

Habitat Index – Greater Prairie Chicken (*Tympanuchus cupido*)

- Payment = \$0.00 / Acre / Year for a habitat index value of 0.5 or less
- \$2.00 / Acre / Year for a habitat index value of 0.51 to 0.60
- \$4.00 / Acre / Year for a habitat index value of 0.61 to 0.70
- \$6.00 / Acre / Year for a habitat index value of 0.71 to 0.80
- \$8.00 / Acre / Year for a habitat index value of 0.81 to 0.90
- \$10.00 / Acre / Year for a habitat index value of 0.91 to 1.0

Required Elements:

- This enhancement requires that a wildlife biologist or trained field office personnel complete an assessment using the Prairie Chicken Home Range Habitat Evaluation Tool to determine the estimated index value.
- All tracts of land that are within one mile proximity of each other will be evaluated as one unit with an overall average score using each field or pasture within it.
- If a tract is segregated from other lands by more than one mile, it will be evaluated separately and may qualify for a different payment level.
- Payment rate per acre is graduated based upon the habitat index value.

The Prairie Chicken Home Range Habitat Evaluation Tool is used to determine the habitat index value. Biologists or trained field office personnel are to complete the assessment in the field to arrive at the index value. All tracts of land that are within one mile proximity of each other will be evaluated as one unit with an overall average score using each field or pasture within it. If a tract is segregated from other lands by more than one mile, it will be evaluated separately and may qualify for a different payment level.

Required “Temporary” Habitat Conditions:

These conditions influenced the habitat index value and are temporary in nature due to applied annual management techniques. Therefore, they must be maintained throughout the contract to qualify for the appropriate payment level. (e.g. post-harvest stubble management; grass height during nesting season)

Recommended Habitat Development/Management Activities:

These activities may be implemented to improve the Habitat Index Value and receive a higher payment.

Certification:

I certify that I have implemented the appropriate management actions as explained in this jobsheet for the field(s) listed in the table above.

Name: _____ Date: _____