



United States Department of Agriculture  
 Natural Resources Conservation Service

# CSP Job Sheet H-13

## HABITAT MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT

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### LOWER BIG BLUE AND LOWER LITTLE BLUE WATERSHEDS IN NEBRASKA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Habitat Index – Northern Bobwhite Quail (*Colinus virginianus*)

- 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

Northern bobwhite quail is being targeted for enhancement for the following reasons:

- Considered a species of concern due to a long term decline in populations across its range.
- A species that is representative of overall habitat quality for a variety of other wildlife species that occupy a landscape with a mixture of cropland and pasture/rangeland.
- A species with adequate research available on habitat needs to develop an accurate evaluation model for habitat assessments.
- A species that is highly visible and appreciated or valued by landowners and others.

The Bobwhite Quail 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 contiguous to each other will be evaluated as one unit with an overall average score using each 40 acre parcel within it. If a tract is segregated from other lands by a public road or other lands, it will be evaluated separately and may qualify for a different payment level.

**Documentation Required:** Attached a copy of a completed Bobwhite Quail Home Range Habitat Evaluation Tool and record the habitat index value and appropriate payment rate by tract in the space provided on the back of this job sheet. Habitat elements identified on the attached habitat index will be maintained. Recommended habitat developments or management activities are also to be noted on this job sheet.

Tract & Field #s	Total Acres	Habitat Index	Payment Rate/Acre
T 370	156	0.56	\$2.00
T 371	78	0.62	\$3.00

Example

