



United States Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service

# CSP Job Sheet H-1

## HABITAT MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT

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NEBRASKA

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

### Tall, undisturbed small grain stubble from harvest through winter

Payment = \$1.00 / acre / year for all cropland meeting specifications noted below. Payment is made each year of the contract when wheat is planted at least every 5<sup>th</sup> year and not just during years when small grain is present (refer to required elements below).

The intent of this enhancement is to provide potential nesting cover and winter cover and food for a wide array of wildlife species (song birds, game birds, big game, small mammals, and furbearers) that utilize small grain fields for habitat. During the spring, growing small grain can be utilized as nesting cover by some bird species. While it is of moderate quality, the cover is available in large blocks that are undisturbed until early July which improves nest success. Following harvest, tall, undisturbed small grain stubble can be utilized as important brood-rearing cover for many upland game birds. Generally, tall small grain stubble will favor broadleaf over grassy weeds. In winter months, tall, undisturbed small grain stubble can be utilized by a variety of wildlife species to supply food and cover life requisites during these critical months.

#### Required Elements:

- Small grain (e.g. wheat, oats, etc.) must constitute a reasonable portion of the crop rotation (at least one year in every five years) within an entire field for the entire field to be eligible for payment.
- Small grain stubble must average a minimum height of 12 inches post-harvest and cannot be mowed, hayed, grazed, tilled, etc. between harvest and March 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.
- Provisions can be made to apply herbicide after September 1<sup>st</sup> to control grassy weeds such as volunteer small grain, downy brome, etc.
- If the rotation contains less than one year of small grain every five years, only the acres of small grain which are planted every year are eligible for payment.

#### Documentation Required:

Complete Table 1 which documents the tracts and fields which are eligible to receive the Tall, Undisturbed Small Grain Stubble enhancement payment and will be managed according to the specifications outlined above. On an annual basis, complete Table 2 which documents the actual conditions on those tracts and fields during the current crop year. Examples are provided in the first two lines for assistance.

Table 1. Lands eligible for Tall, Undisturbed Small Grain Stubble during the contract period.

<b>Tract / Field Number</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Small Grain Crop</b>	<b>Years in Rotation</b>
T 123 – Field 3 & 6	39.8	Winter Wheat	1 in 5 Years
T 123 – Field 4	24.5	Oats	1 in 3 Years
T 125 – All Fields	20	Winter Wheat	20 Acres are planted annually – not in a regular rotation

Table 2. Reported conditions on eligible fields during the noted crop year: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Tract / Field Number</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Crop</b>	<b>Stubble Height</b>
T 123 – Field 3 & 6	39.8	Corn	N/A
T 123 – Field 4	24.5	Oats	15 Inches
T 125 – All Fields	20	Winter Wheat	12 Inches

**Certification:**

I certify that I have maintained the required crop rotation and subsequent post-harvest management in order to qualify for the specified enhancement payment as listed above.

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