

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN
FOR
STRUCTURES FOR WILDLIFE (649)**

Landowner/user:

Date:

Address:

A properly operated and maintained **Structures for Wildlife Practice** is an asset to your farm operation and your agricultural land. Implementation of Structures for Wildlife will help you to achieve and maintain desired resource conditions by providing structures, in proper amounts, locations and seasons to:

- Enhance or sustain non-domesticated wildlife; or
- Modify existing structures that pose a hazard to wildlife.

This practice will require you to perform periodic operation and maintenance to maintain satisfactory performance. The following are some requirements of the operation and maintenance program.

Operation and Maintenance

Lifespan 5 Years

- Monitor condition and/or usage of structures. At a minimum, monitoring should occur annually.
- Implement adaptive management by relocating, modifying or repairing structures as needed during the season with the least disturbance to target species.
- Conduct needed maintenance of structures such as removal of old nesting materials, nests of non-target species, undesirable debris, or abandoned structures.
- Install, modify and/or monitor during the season of year or time of day to minimize disturbance to wildlife.
- Remove all structures if they are determined (i.e. upon abandonment) as being potentially detrimental to the target species.

Specific Additional Requirements for Your Practice: