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						Existing	Planned	
Ring-Necked Pheasant (Limited Areas)	Grain and Seed Crops	A - Corn (Grain or Sweet)	A-1 Food plots of one-half to one acre in size provided no harvesting of crop on the plot.	A-1	5			329 330 340
			A-2 Crop residues remaining on soil during winter.	A-2	3			344 590
			A-3 Crop residues not remaining on soil during winter (Fall Plowing).	A-3	0			
		B - Corn (Silage)	B-1 Crop residues (stubble) remaining on soil over winter.	B-1	1			
			B-2 Crop residues (stubble) not remaining on soil over winter.	B-2	0			
		C - Wheat, Oats, Cereal Rye, Buckwheat or Sunflower	C-1 Food plots of one-half to one acre in size provided no harvesting of grain.	C-1	4			
			C-2 Following harvest of grain, crop residues remain on soil over winter.	C-2	2			
			C-3 Following harvest of grain, crop residues not remaining on soil over winter.	C-3	0			
		D - Dairy or Beef Operation	D-1 Livestock manure is spread on fields throughout winter when ground is not frozen.	D-1	1			
			D-2 Livestock manure is stockpiled all winter or handled in some other manner.	D-2	0			
E - Other grain and seed crops; or livestock is other than beef or dairy.	-	E	0					
	Domestic Grasses and Legumes	A - Alfalfa, Crownvetch, Orchard Grass, Timothy, or Smooth Brome	A-1 At least two, one-eighth acre plots which occur within 100 feet of grain or seed crops or woody cover and will not be harvested before June 15 or after August 15.	A-1	3			342 390 391 511
			A-2 Receives normal agronomic treatments and used as hayland or occurs in orchards.	A-2	2			528A 590

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Ring-Necked Pheasant (Continued)	Domestic Grasses and Legumes (Continued)	<p><b>B</b> - Species listed in "A" and one or more of the following species which comprise at least 10% of this element: Big Bluestem, Little Bluestem, Switchgrass, or Indiangrass.</p> <p><b>C</b> - Other Species</p> <p><b>D</b> - No domestic grasses and legumes.</p>	<p><b>A-3</b> Receives normal agronomic treatments and used as pasture.</p>	A-3	1			<p>Warm Season Grass Job Sheet</p> <p>Cool Season Grass Job Sheet</p>			
			<p><b>B-1</b> Occur as in "A-1". Stands receive normal agronomic treatments and is part of a managed rotational grazing plan where stand height is maintained at a minimum of 6 inches. Livestock is removed 30 days prior to the first killing frost.</p> <p align="center"><b>OR</b></p> <p>Is managed under an <u>approved</u> prescribed burning plan.</p>	B-1	4						
			<p><b>B-2</b> Occur in pure stands adjacent to species listed in "A". Receive normal agronomic treatments for warm season grasses and properly managed by haying between June 15 and August 15.</p>	B-2	3						
			<p><b>B-3</b> Occurs as in "B-1" except management differs.</p>	B-3	2						
			<p><b>B-4</b> Occurs as in "B-2" except management differs.</p>	B-4	2						
			<p><b>C-1</b> As in "A-1"</p>	C-1	2						
			<p><b>C-2</b> As in "A-2"</p>	C-2	1						
			<p><b>C-3</b> As in "A-3"</p>	C-3	0						
							D		0		
				Wild Herbaceous Upland Plants	<p><b>A</b> - A wide variety of wild herbaceous plants are available. High value plants include: Barnyardgrass, Foxtail Millet, various Nightshades, Sedges, Ragweed, Skunk Cabbage, Burdock, Dandelion, Knotweeds, Sweet Clover and Cinquefoil.</p>	<p><b>A-1</b> On a rotational basis: one-third of the total area is mowed or rotary brush cut at least once every three years in mid-summer. Of the remaining two thirds, one third is spring plowed (prior to April 15) to encourage early succession wild herbaceous growth. The remaining one-third should be fallow.</p> <p><b>A-2</b> As in "A-1" except no spring plowing or disking.</p>	A-1		4		
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Ring-Necked Pheasant (Continued)	Wild Herbaceous Upland Plants (Continued)	B - Dominated by only a few species such as Goldenrod, Loosestrife or Wild Carrot.	A-3 Not mowed or rotary brush cut. Will, or is succeeding to woody species.	A-3	1				
			B-1 As in "A-1"	B-1	2				
			B-2 As in "A-2"	B-2	1				
			B-3 As in "A-3"	B-3	0				
		C - No wild herbaceous upland plants.	-	C	0				
	Deciduous Trees and Shrubs	A - A wide variety of deciduous early succession plants available. High quality plants include Wild Grape, Wild Cherry, Sumacs, Viburnums, Blackberry, Elderberry, Apple and Dogwoods.	A-1 Occupies fence rows, streambanks, corridors, riparian areas, and odd areas. Maintenance cutting is conducted to remove all trees which exceed 15 feet in height or >4" dbh.	A-1	3			314	
			A-2 As in "A-1" but no maintenance cutting will be conducted.	A-2	2			391	
			A-3 The majority of deciduous trees and shrubs occurs in a block or blocks and does not occupy linear sites as in "A-1". However, maintenance cutting is, or will be conducted.	A-3	2			472	
			A-4 As in "A-3" but no maintenance cutting is, or will be conducted.	A-4	1			490	
			B-1 The majority of deciduous trees and shrubs occur in fencerows, streambanks, riparian areas or odd areas. No maintenance cutting is, or will be conducted.	B-1	2			612	
			B-2 The majority of deciduous trees and shrubs occurs in a block or blocks and does not occupy linear sites as in "B-1". No maintenance cutting is, or will be conducted.	B-2	1			666	
			B - Various stand height and sizes are available (shrub, pole and saw-timber).						
			C - No deciduous trees and shrubs.	-	C	0			
							Cut-back Border Job Sheet		

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Ring-Necked Pheasant (Continued)	Coniferous Trees and Shrubs	A - Conifers are White Pine, Scotch Pine, Virginia Pine, Norway Spruce, Red Cedar or Hemlock.  <b>OR</b> Located in fence rows, stream corridors, wind breaks and odd areas; maintenance cutting is conducted.  A-2 As in "A-1" but no maintenance is conducted <b>OR</b> occur as plantation stands that are not maintained.  B - Other conifer species <b>OR</b> no coniferous trees or shrubs. .	A-1 Occurs as scattered trees or clumps of trees less than 15 feet high and located in low density shrub thicket and maintained by cutting all trees exceeding 15 feet in height.  <b>OR</b> Located in fence rows, stream corridors, wind breaks and odd areas; maintenance cutting is conducted.  A-2 As in "A-1" but no maintenance is conducted <b>OR</b> occur as plantation stands that are not maintained.  -  -	A-1	2			314 391 490 612 666  Wildlife Conifers Job Sheet
				A-2	1			
				B	0			
	Wetland Plants	A - Dominant wetland species are Cattail, Sweetflag or Bulrush.  B - Variety of herbaceous wetland plants available.  C - Woody species are dominant <b>or</b> no herbaceous wetland plants.	A-1 Trees that become established will be removed. Scattered shrubs will be permitted but dense stands will be thinned.  A-2 No maintenance and will slowly succeed to shrub thicket.  B-1 Maintained as in "A1".  B-2 No maintenance and will slowly succeed to shrub thicket.  -	A-1	3			314 378 644 646 647 657 658 659
				A-2	1			
				B-1	2			
				B-2	1			
				C	0			
				<b>TABLE 2 TOTAL SCORE</b>				

**ELEMENT QUALITY RATING KEY**

**Total Score is:** 0 - 6 = Poor  
7 - 11 = Fair  
12 - 16 = Good  
17 - 21 = Excellent

<sup>1</sup> Component Score - This is the value of the Habitat Element with certain species composition and under a certain management.

<sup>2</sup> Applicable Score - To determine the proper rating, use the "highest" component score for the line entry which applies most closely or where all conditions have been met. Only one component score may be used per habitat element.

<sup>3</sup> Applicable Practice(s) or Job Sheet(s) - These are relevant practice codes in Section IV of the FOTG or additional references that could potentially be utilized to achieve management objectives for the particular habitat element.