

**TABLE 3 - COTTONTAIL RABBIT
WILDLIFE HABITAT RATING CRITERIA - DISTRIBUTION OF HABITAT ELEMENTS**

Wildlife Species	Habitat Element	Size	Management	Component Score ¹	Applicable Score ²		Applicable Practice(s) or Job Sheet ³
					Existing	Planned	
Cottontail Rabbit (Statewide)	Grain and Seed Crops	A -	A-1 Field bordered by deciduous trees and shrubs on at least one side.	A-1 3			380 386 391 422 612
			A-2 Fields not bordered on any side by woodland; hedgerow exists around or in field and connects to woodland.	A-2 2			
			A-3 Fields not bordered on any side by woodland; hedgerow exists but does not connect to woody cover.	A-3 1			
			A-4 Fields not bordered on any side by woodland; hedgerows do not exist.	A-4 0			
		B - No grain or seed crops.	-	C 0			
	Domestic Grasses and Legumes	A -	A-1 Long and narrow field(s) bordered by deciduous trees and shrubs on at least one side.	A-1 3			386 390 391 422 612
			A-2 Fields not bordered on any side by woodland; hedgerow exists around or in field and connects to woodland.	A-2 2			
			A-3 Fields not bordered on any side by woodland; hedgerow exists but does not connect to woody cover.	A-3 1			
			A-4 Fields not bordered on any side by woodland; hedgerows do not exist.	A-4 0			
		B - No domestic grasses and legumes.	-	B 0			
	Wild Herbaceous Upland Plants	A -	A-1 One or more than one field bordered by woodland on at least one side.	A-1 3			380 422 612
			A-2 Fields not bordered on any side by woodland; hedgerow exists around or in field and connects to woodland.	A-2 2			
			A-3 Fields not bordered on any side by woodland; hedgerow exists but does not connect to woodland.	A-3 1			

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Cottontail Rabbit (Continued)	Wild Herbaceous Upland Plants (Continued)		A-4 No fields bordered on any side by woodland and no hedgerows.	A-4 0			
	Deciduous Trees and Shrubs	A -	A-1 Element occurs entirely on moderately well drained (or better drained) soils. A-2 Element occurs at least partly (>25%) on moderately well drained (or better drained) soils. A-3 Element occurs entirely on poorly drained (or wetter) soils.	A-1 3 A-2 2 A-3 0			386 391 422 612 Cutback Border Job Sheet Forest Opening Job Sheet
	Coniferous Trees and Shrubs	A - B - No coniferous trees and shrubs.	A-1 Bordered in part by deciduous trees and shrubs AND in part by wild herbaceous plants. A-2 Bordered in part by deciduous trees and shrubs AND in part by grasses and legumes or grain and seed crops. A-3 Bordered only by deciduous trees and shrubs or only by wild herbaceous plants. A-4 Bordered only by grasses and legumes or only by grain and seed crops. -	A-1 3 A-2 2 A-3 1 A-4 0 B 0			612
TABLE 3 TOTAL SCORE							

ELEMENT DISTRIBUTION RATING KEY

Total Score is: 0 - 4 = Poor
 5 - 8 = Fair
 9 - 12 = Good
 13 - 15 = Excellent

¹ Component Score - This is the value of the habitat element with certain size and adjacent habitat elements.

² 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.

³ 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.