



## CONSERVATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY

**E328L**

**Annual precipitation > 14 inches**

## CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

### Leaving tall crop residue for wildlife

**Conservation Practice 328: Conservation Crop Rotation**

**APPLICABLE LAND USE: Crop (annual and mixed)**

**RESOURCE CONCERN ADDRESSED: Animals**

**ENHANCEMENT LIFE SPAN: 1 Year**

#### Enhancement Description

Fields may be harvested, but crop residues must be left standing a minimum of 14 inches. Residues will be left through winter and into spring, providing valuable winter cover and forage for wildlife spanning late summer and through the following winter.

#### Criteria

- The entire field must be harvested with a residual stubble height minimum of 14 inches on average throughout the field. Only acres with this minimum stubble height are eligible for payment.
- Stubble height must be maintained until 10 days or less prior to the typical date of the first primary tillage operation in the spring.
- Planting and management of cover crops are not prohibited if they do not compromise the height and structure of the stubble cover.
- Eligible crops include those which can be harvested to leave a minimum 14-inch stubble height, and the stubble will be stiff enough to persist standing through winter.
- When possible, reduce or eliminate the use of herbicide treatments on weedy growth between the rows to provide additional cover and food sources for wildlife.



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### Documentation and Implementation Requirements

Participant will:

- ☐ Prior to implementation, develop a map showing planned location(s), crop type(s) and acreage of crops to leave tall standing stubble.
- ☐ After implementation, provide photo documentation of stubble height left standing.

NRCS will:

- ☐ As needed, provide technical assistance in selecting crop rotations or substitute crops that would meet the criteria of the enhancement.
- ☐ As needed, provide additional assistance to the participant.
- ☐ After implementation, verify stubble height and ensure stubble is left standing after winter months.

### NRCS Documentation Review:

I have reviewed all required participant documentation and have determined the participant has implemented the enhancement and met all criteria and requirements.

Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contract Number \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Applied \_\_\_\_\_ Fiscal Year Completed \_\_\_\_\_

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NRCS Technical Adequacy Signature

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Date