

Habitat Management Enhancement Activities – New Jersey



Enhancement Activities

The Conservation Security Program (CSP) offers a limited number of enhancement payments as incentives to reward or encourage activities that improve wildlife habitat quality and quantity on agricultural operations.

Benefits

These activities will provide observable improvements in wildlife habitat by providing:

- undisturbed nesting areas for grassland birds
- habitat for beneficial insects
- diversity in the supply of food and cover types

CSP Payments

A participant can earn payments by initiating or maintaining any of the following activities:

- Manage borders around all fields to a minimum width of 30 feet.
- Manage grassed areas on the farm (pastures, hay fields, odd areas) so that more than 3 native species are present per stand. Management includes over-seeding, proper liming and fertilization or other means.
- In conjunction with the above, defer mowing, clipping or haying these areas during the nesting season. No mowing, clipping or haying activities are performed between April 15 and July 15.

CSP Enhancement Activity Task Sheet
Habitat Management:

Client's Acknowledgement Statement:

I have elected to use the following Habitat Management activities and understand the requirements of the selected activities (Check all that apply):

- Manage enhanced field borders to a minimum width of 30' to provide beneficial habitat for insects and ground-nesting birds. (NJHabitat01)

- Manage grassed areas of the farm so that more than 3 native species per stand are maintained in order to provide vegetative diversity for wildlife. (NJHabitat02)

- In addition to the above, defer all clipping, haying and mowing between April 15 and July 15 to preserve habitat for ground-nesting birds. (NJHabitat03)

I agree that the following information will be provided to NRCS upon request:

- Written documentation of the activity performed (use attached worksheets or equivalent).
- Copies of dated receipts for equipment or services purchased.

I understand that CSP Enhancements earnings are subject to payment caps and that my actual payments will depend on my CSP Tier level, the land area affected and the number of activities performed.

I understand that it is my responsibility to obtain all necessary permits and to comply with all laws, regulations and ordinances pertaining to the application of these activities.

Accepted by: /s/ _____

Date: _____