

Defer Clipping, Haying and Mowing

Conservation Activity Job Sheet *(NJHabitat03)*

Participant _____ Crop Year _____



Native grasses can provide better food sources and the availability of cover for a multitude of species, including birds, beneficial insects, and native predators. They can provide benefits to not only the native declining species, but to the overall agricultural operation as well.

Grassland birds usually nest and fledge their young between April 15 and July 15 in most areas of New Jersey. By protecting grassed areas from clipping, haying and mowing during these

months, the nests are protected from destruction. Grazing is normally a compatible activity, as livestock will instinctively avoid the nest areas. However, pastures should not be clipped during this time.

For CSP, areas contracted for this activity should be designated in large blocks, not strips. Livestock stocking rates can be adjusted to reduce the need for clipping. Designated areas can rotate from year to year to provide better management of the grass species in the fields.

Documentation of this activity includes the following:

Location, Timing, and Layout	
Width (feet):	
Length (feet):	Area (acres):
Dates area was not clipped, hayed or mowed (minimum April 15 to July 15):	
Additional requirements:	

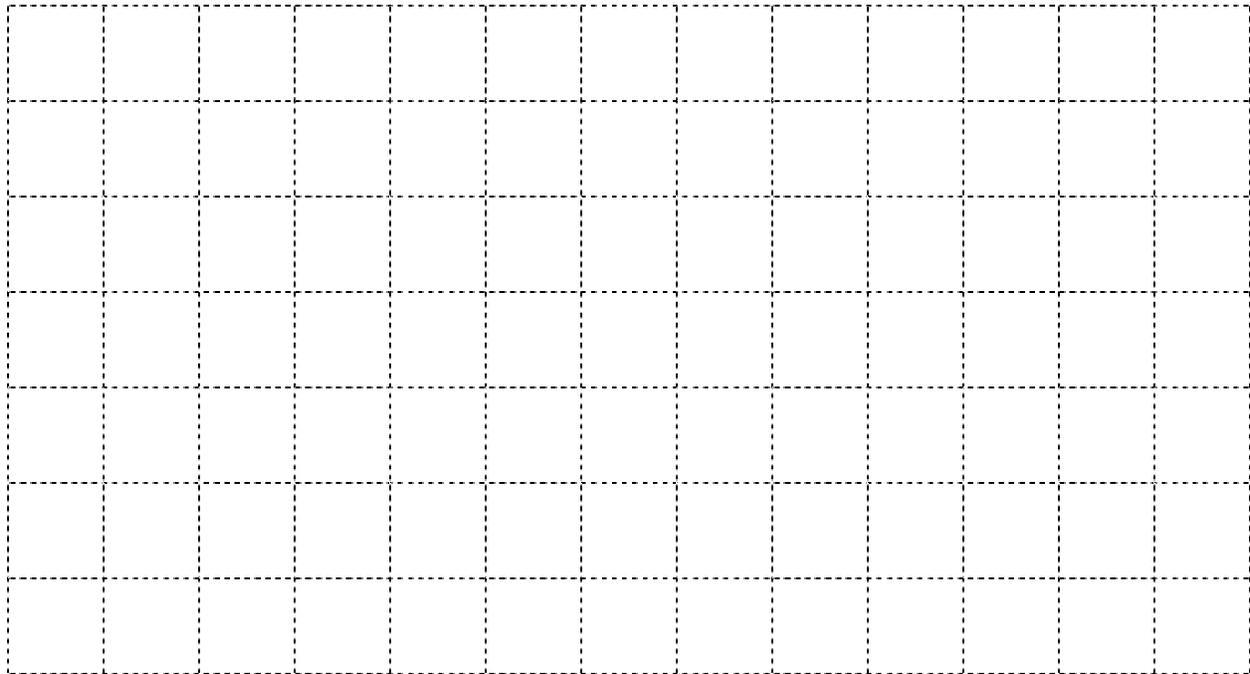
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Location, Timing, and Layout, continued	
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If needed, an aerial view or a side view of the practice should be included.

Scale 1"= _____ ft. (NA indicates sketch not to scale: grid size=1/2" by 1/2")



I certify that I completed the work as indicated above in order to protect grassland nesting birds on my farm.

Signature

Date