

**Missouri Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)
Wildlife Habitat Appraisal Guide
Cropland Community Model**

Applicant(s):**Date:****Farm Number:****Tract Number:****Field Number(s):****County:**

Instructions: Answer each of the questions (1 - 5) below by circling the appropriate points for both the existing and planned conditions. N/A = Not Applicable in the Wildlife Habitat Development Plan (WHDP)

Points if Existing**Points if Planned**

Field Border (minimum width of 30 feet)

(1)	Border around more than 50% of the field	10	10
	Border around 25 to 50% of the field	5	5
	Border around less than 25% of the field, or the border is more than 50% fescue	0	N/A

Field Border Points

Crop Field Management

(2)	No fall tillage, crop residues are left undisturbed	10	10
	Chisel plow once in the fall, or no-till winter wheat	6	6
	Crop residues are grazed, chopped, or baled	4	N/A
	Fall disking, or conventional tillage winter wheat	2	N/A
	Fall moldboard plowing	0	N/A

Crop Field Management Points

Cropping Practices

(3)	More than 4 acres of food plot or unharvested grain per 40 acres of cropland	10	10
	1/4 to 4 acre of food plot of unharvested grain per 40 acres of cropland	6	6
	Completely harvested, little herbicide used (field is weedy)	2	2
	Completely harvested, heavy herbicide used (no weeds)	0	N/A

Cropping Practices Points

Crop Rotation

(4)	Small grains - row crop - legume or meadow	5	5
	Small grains - row crop	3	3
	Continuous small grain or continuous row crop	0	0

Crop Rotation Points

Field Size

(5)	Percent of the field within 660 feet of a tree line, shelterbelt, woodlot, woody draw, etc., or woodland occurring on prairie soils.			
	Edge Species	Openland Species		
	More than 75%	Less than 10%	10	10
	50 to 75%	10 to 25%	6	6
	25 to 50%	25 to 50%	4	4
	10 to 25%	50 to 75%	2	2
	Less than 10%	More than 75%	0	N/A

Field Size Points

Total Points Planned and Existing (Maximum score possible is 45) =

Scoring

(6) Existing Index = Total Existing Points/45 (45 is the maximum possible score)

Total existing points =

Existing Index =

(7) Planned WHIP Contract Index = Total Planned Score/45 (45 is the maximum possible score)

Total planned score =

Planned Community Type Index =

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