

FOOD PLOT BENEFITS INDEX

1. Location Relative to Quality Winter Cover:
 - a. Woody Shelterbelt (> 200'x600', 10yrs + and includes > 4 rows of conifers) _____
 - i. Adjacent (3pts)
 - ii. < ¼ mile (2pts)
 - iii. ¼ - ½ mile (1pt)
 - iv. > ½ mile (0pts)
 - b. Heavy Herbaceous (10-ac cattails or other robust vegetation) _____
 - i. Adjacent (4pts)
 - ii. < ¼ mile (3pts)
 - iii. ¼ - ½ mile (1pt)
 - iv. > ½ mile (0pts)
2. Location Relative to Undisturbed Nesting Cover (CRP, etc):
 - a. Within 1.5 miles of _____ acres of nesting cover: _____
 - i. 80+ (4pts)
 - ii. 40-80 (3pts)
 - iii. 20-40 (2pts)
 - iv. < 20 (1pt)
 - v. No nesting cover (0pts)
 - b. Within _____ miles of a public hunting area (WMA / WPA): _____
 - i. Adjacent (3pts)
 - ii. 1 (2pts)
 - iii. 2 (1pts)
 - iv. > 2 (0pts)
3. Food Plot Characteristics:
 - a. Nutritional value (food source): _____
 - i. PF Winter Survival Mix (8pts)
 - ii. Sorghum (5pts)
 - iii. Corn (1pt)
 - b. Size: _____
 - i. 2+ acres (3pts)
 - ii. 1-2 acres (2pts)
 - iii. < 1 acre (1pt)

NESTING COVER BENEFITS

1. Nesting Cover Type:
 - a. Mixed stand of 15+ native species (CP-25) (5pts) _____
 - b. Mixed native stand of >2 grasses & >1 forb (4pts)
 - c. Mixed stand of 2+ grasses & 1+ forb (3 pts)
 - d. Single native species (switchgrass) (2pts)
 - e. Mixed stand (1+ grasses, 1+ forbs) introduced species (brome/alfalfa) must not hay until after July 15 (1pt)

2. Establishment / Management Method:
 - a. Prescribed burn on native stand (4pts) _____
 - b. Conversion from introduced to native stand (3pts)
 - c. Interseeding native mix into single spp native stand (2pts)
 - d. Interseeding introduced forbs into brome (1pt)

3. Size:
 - a. 40+ acres (4pts) _____
 - b. 25-40 acres (3pts)
 - c. 10-25 acres (2pts)
 - d. 0-10 acres (1pt)

3. Location:
 - a. Distance from 20 + acres of other undisturbed nesting cover
 - i. adjacent (3pts) _____
 - ii. less than 1 mile (2pts)
 - iii. 1 to 2 miles (1pt)
 - iv. more than 2 miles (0 pts)

 - b. Distance from public hunting area (WMA or WPA)
 - i. Adjacent (3pts) _____
 - ii. less than 1 mile (2pts)
 - iii. 1-2 miles (1pt)
 - iv. more than 2 miles (0pts)

 - c. Distance to quality winter cover such as a 10 acre cattail slough or a winter tree planting (>200'x600' with 4+ rows of conifers) that is associated (< ½ mile) from > 1 acre food plot:
 - i. < ½ mile (3pts) _____
 - ii. ½ - 1 mile (2pts)
 - iii. 1-2 miles (1pt)
 - iv. > 2 miles (0pts)

4. Financial Need
 - a. Federal cost share (CRP, CREP, WRP, CCRP, etc) _____
 - i. No cost share (3pts)
 - ii. 1-50% cost share (2pts)
 - iii. 51-75% cost share (1pt)
 - iv. >75% cost share (0pts)