

APPROVED PRACTICES FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Select the approved practices from the list below which will be of benefit to your enterprise and record them on pages 3 and 4 in your Supervised Agriculture Experience Record Book. (This is only a general suggested list. Detail should be added to match your specific situation.)

1. Establish agreement with landowner
2. Map property boundaries and natural features
3. Inventory existing plant and animal species
4. Develop appropriate management objectives
5. Observe and/or photograph wildlife species
6. Use a dichotomous key and/or field guide to identify species
7. Prepare a written management plan
8. Establish contour strip cropping
9. Mow strips through retired fields after June 15 (minimum width 6 ft.)
10. Install flushing bars on mowers
11. Make border cuttings of 30 ft. or more in woodland edges
12. Plant appropriate tree and shrub seedlings
13. Construct living brush piles at least 15' diameter and one/acre
14. Seed odd areas with leguminous cover
15. Mark and/or conserve den trees from cutting
16. Properly release fruit/mast trees in a woodland
17. Construct ponds of at least 1/4 acre
18. Seed pond/stream banks with appropriate cover
19. Construct marshland area of at least one acre
20. Seed forest clearing with appropriate cover
21. Conserve large mast-producing trees
22. Promote species diversity in otherwise monoculture areas
23. Create irregular field edges
24. Construct feeders and nesting boxes and place appropriately
25. Create den trees through careful girdling of appropriate trees
26. Conduct a wildlife occurrence study
27. Control undesirable and destructive species after consultation with District Wildlife Conservation officer
28. Rear and release appropriate species of game animals
29. Conduct a stream improvement plan
30. Assist with state stocking programs
31. Complete the PA Game Commission Hunter-Trapper Education Program
32. Participate with PA Game Commission "Sport" Program
33. Develop a hunter education safety trail
34. Participate in a county and/or state conservation school
35. Prepare a wildlife conservation speech, exhibit or demonstration
36. Compete in the FFA Wildlife Contest
37. Compete in a county and/or state Envirothon
38. Assist with PA Game Commission "Working Together for Wildlife" program
39. Fence streams within pastures to keep cattle out of the stream
40. Install a bird bath or ground watering device
41. Allow strips of grain near cover to go unharvested
42. Participate in National Hunting and Fishing Day activities
43. Keep accurate enterprise records
44. Summarize and analyze records