

Supplemental Water

New pond being built? Marsh development or enhancement? Other types of watering methods?

Habitat Control

Grazing management, prescribed burning, range enhancement (re-seeding), Brush management, fence modification, etc.

Erosion Control

Pond construction, gully shaping, dike, water diversion, Plant establishment on erodible areas.

Predator Control

Identify who the predator is, Describe how you are controlling this predator, Keep record on the kills and include in annual updates

Census Counts

Describe how you will conduct your census each year (spotlight counts, game cameras, aerial counts, harvest data collection and record keeping, browse surveys, roost counts, time/area counts, call and covey counts

We need to understand what is already done, what you plan to do next year, and the 5 year (long term) goals you plan to accomplish.

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Wildlife Management Brochure





What is Wildlife Management?

Wildlife management is the exact – same tax break as agricultural valuation. However, instead of producing food or fiber as a prudent farmer or rancher, you would focus on wildlife management.

To convert from agricultural use to wildlife management, the land size has to be a minimum of 25 acres to qualify and it has to have the five out of seven year history of agricultural use.

It sounds very easy, but it is not. First you have to look at your property and develop a wildlife management plan based on the Rolling Plains economic region that would show what you are currently doing. Also included within the plan, you will identify the elements you will add to your plan for the next five years.

Based on your property, you identify target animals (deer, turkey, quail, dove, song birds, ducks, etc). Once your target animals are identified, a complete plan is likely to include elements of all seven wildlife management practices. The following are the seven practices:

- Supplemental Food
- Supplemental Water
- Supplemental Shelter
- Erosion Control
- Habitat Control
- Predator Control
- Census Count (require knowledge to be included yearly in the annual update)

All practices and activities should be designed to overcome deficiencies that limit wildlife or harm their habitats. Each of the activities should be practiced routinely or consistently as part of an overall management plan. Wildlife management will require time, money, expertise, knowledge, and energy. Stonewall CAD also requires an annual update and some type of annual census count.



A Wildlife Management Plan will include:

Property Description

- Map with size & location
- Soil map or types of soil
- Map [identifying key locations of feeders, food plots, water, path, brush piles, prescribed burn areas (with years identified), etc.]

Target Animals

- Wildlife currently there and what you want to accomplish
- Land usage [grazing, fishing, hunting, etc. described]

Detailed Description of the following (if they apply to your planned goals or current use)

Supplemental Food

What feed? Feed for what animal? Map with feeder locations. How many feeders? All year? How much? How often? Food Plots? Where? Every year? How do you plant? (no till?) Mineral supplements? Grazing management?

Supplemental Shelter

Nest boxes, bird houses, brush piles, half cutting trees??