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Deadline Nears to Enroll in Crop Stubble Program

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Nebraska landowners have only a couple of weeks left to enroll in a program that pays them up to \$10 an acre for keeping their wheat and corn stubble 14 inches or taller during this year's harvest.

The deadline is June 1 to enroll in the Crop Stubble Management, Wildlife and Water Conservation Program. The program is being offered in eight natural resource districts in southern and western Nebraska.

Participants must leave the tall stubble undisturbed until April 1. Eligible producers may enroll up to 320 acres per year per crop type for two years. Post-harvest chemical applications are allowed, but other disturbances - such as disking, grazing or haying - are not allowed before the April 1 deadline.

Tall stubble has proven beneficial to both wildlife and soil quality.

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