

Cereal strips kept over winter

Goal	Improve habitat and forage for wild fauna
Short description of the measure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep cereal strips on parts of the plot at least until end of February The width of a strip may be 6–25 m
Quality elements of soundly implemented biodiversity measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cereal strip of at least 6 m width kept over winter 
Effects on biodiversity	 <p>Small-scale, not harvested cereal provides habitat and food for overwintering and granivorous birds.</p>
(ecosystems, species, soil biodiversity)	 <p>Late-flowering wild herbs are able to produce seeds for reproduction.</p>
Other positive effects/benefit for the farmer	<p>This measure does not interfere in the usual praxis of the farmer during cropping period, e.g. no abandonment of fertilization/pesticide use is required.</p> <p>Because of its stripe-shape those areas may also contribute as step-stone between different biotope islands.</p>
Indicator/key data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total size of area (ha) with cereal kept over winter
Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.landwirtschaft-artenvielfalt.de

Further information: [Knowledge Pool](#)

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