

Lesser Prairie Chicken Conference Report Conservation Measures by Practice

(378) Pond

1. NRCS shall coordinate with the affected State Fish and Wildlife Agency and confer with the State Technical Committees to identify appropriate restrictions on the placement, extent, configuration, and timing of this conservation practice standard and the area where these practice restrictions would apply so as to avoid or minimize adverse effects to the LPC and supporting habitat conditions.
2. Defer implementation of this conservation practice within ½ mile to known leks and nest sites until all breeding and nesting activities are completed, typically March 1 through July 15, or as modified by State Fish and Wildlife Agency or State Technical Committee recommendations.
3. Use site specific reclamation strategies developed using ecological site descriptions. Native species will be used whenever possible to meet practice objectives with preference to forbs, grasses and grass-like plants preferred by the LPC habitat needs. Seed mixes should be State-certified, meeting the appropriate State certification criteria as being free of state declared noxious and invasive vegetative material.
4. Monitor, evaluate and control State listed invasive and noxious plants during practice planning and design.
5. Machinery associated with the practice should be clean and free of vegetative debris prior to use to prevent the spread of invasive plant species.
6. Use the conservation measures provided for the facilitative practice of Critical Area Planting (342) in areas where reseeding disturbed areas is necessary.
7. This practice will only be applied where needed to meet the daily water requirements of livestock and to facilitate prescribed livestock grazing distribution.