



Animal Enhancement Activity – ANM51 – Establish and maintain early successional, naturally occurring vegetation in ditches and ditch bank borders for wildlife habitat and water quality protection

State Criteria (same as NATIONAL CRITERIA)

Assistance from a qualified wildlife biologist or NRCS staff with adequate job approval authority for wildlife habitat is required to develop the management plans for wildlife habitat.

An [NE-CPA-14](#) Wildlife Development/Management Plan and a detailed plan map may be used to document items including the target wildlife species (specifically, those dependent upon early successional habitats such as Northern bobwhite quail or upon moist soil habitats such as Northern leopard frog, Blanding’s turtle, American toad, smallmouth salamander, etc.).

Additional Criteria for Nebraska

Only man-made drainage or irrigation ditches are eligible for this enhancement. Upland erosion gullies and naturally occurring streams, including those previously straightened or channelized, are not applicable. Refer to Enhancements ANM33 or ANM32 and ANM39 for filter strip and riparian forest buffer opportunities on streams.

A list of desirable early successional plants is provided in Table 1 of the 647DP Early Successional Habitat Development/Management Design Procedures which should be allowed to persist adjacent to ditches.

Documentation Requirements (SEE NATIONAL ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY JOBSHEET)

Additional State Documentation Requirements

Complete the Table below:

To be completed by NRCS and Producer during planning			To be completed by Producer during certification		
1	2	3	4	5	6
Tract	Field	Linear Feet of Ditches	Width Applied	Management Activities Applied	Date Completed
<i>EX. T1001</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>900 feet</i>	<i>40 feet</i>	<i>Spot sprayed Canada thistle patches</i>	<i>9/1/2015</i>

EX= EXAMPLE, COLUMNS 1-3 NRCS COMPLETES, COLUMNS 4-6 PRODUCER COMPLETES

I certify that the enhancement criteria have been met and the required documentation provided to NRCS for review.

1. A copy of the wildlife habitat management plan or similar document that identifies required elements.
2. Map showing where treatments were applied adjacent to ditches (highlighted, outlined, etc.).
3. Documentation of completed management activity, as required. – (COMPLETE TABLE ABOVE)
4. Representative digital images of the area showing photos of the ditch and early succession habitat.

Certified by: _____ **Date:** _____