



Animal Enhancement Activity – ANM03 – Incorporate native grasses and/or legumes to 15% or more of herbage dry matter productivity

State Criteria

Acceptable methods of determining species composition before and after seeding include: percent canopy cover by species, percent basal area by species, percent weight by species, and other commonly used methods within the pasture/range management discipline. This assessment should be conducted on a representative area within each pasture being enhanced.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Select acceptable native grass and/or legume species from the “wildlife friendly” plant list (List A) on the Conservation Measurement Tool (CMT). Document recommended site preparation, planting method, seed mixture, seeding rates and other pertinent information on the [Grass Seed Job Sheet \(NE-CPA-8\)](#). Grazing management plan must include basic information such as goal/objective for the pasture(s), livestock type and class, stocking rate, timing of grazing event including rotation, proper forage balance, and method to determine proper utilization.

In addition, complete the Table below:

To be completed by NRCS and Producer during planning				To be completed by Producer during certification process		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Tract	Field	Field Acres	Acres of Pasture Seeded (Planned)	Acres of Pasture Seeded (Applied)	Total Percentage of Native Grass/Legume Prior to Enhancement	Species of Native Grass/Legume Seeded
<i>EX.1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>55.0</i>	<i>55.0</i>	<i>55.0 Ac.</i>	<i>Approx. 5% Switchgrass</i>	<i>Seeded Western wheatgrass and red clover @ 25% rate</i>

EX= EXAMPLE, COLUMNS 1-4 NRCS COMPLETES, COLUMNS 5-7 PRODUCER COMPLETES

I certify that the incorporated native grasses and/or legumes meet these specifications including the following documentation as applicable:

1. Documentation of activities and species composition before seeding – completed table above.
2. Map with interseeded pasture areas clearly identified (highlighted, outlined, etc.).
3. Completed [NE-CPA-8 Grass Seeding Job Sheet](#) and associated seed tags, and bills as required.
4. Livestock stocking rates and grazing management plan.
5. Current soil test if legumes are incorporated; documentation of lime and fertilizer application if a current soil test indicates.

Certified by: _____ **Date:** _____