



Animal Enhancement Activity – ANM21 – Prairie restoration for grazing and wildlife habitat

State Criteria

Refer to the Restoration and Management of Rare and Declining Habitat ([643DPa](#)) Prairie Design Procedure for additional criteria. A minimum of 20 total species is required for all prairie types except the following: Mosaic of Mixed-grass and Shortgrass Prairie, Sandsage Prairie, and any other local prairie type found in Vegetative Zone I in the Panhandle. The minimum outlined within this enhancement is required for those exceptions (10 or more grasses plus 6 or more forbs). There is no requirement for fungal and microbial inoculants.

Primary nesting and fawning season is May 1 through July 15. Grazing may not occur during this period. Typically, a minimum of two growing seasons will be required following seeding prior to implementing a grazing management plan. An assessment should be made to determine establishment prior to grazing.

Grazing management plans that impact a different portion of the area restored during a different time of year on a rotational basis are preferred. This will provide for a species within the mixture to avoid repeated impacts from grazing year after year. Other management activities deemed suitable to compliment the prairie restoration (i.e. prescribed burning) can be conducted with approval from NRCS staff.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Complete the Table below, as needed for management practices other than grazing:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Tract	Field	Planned Acres	Proposed Activity	Approximate Timeframe	Applied Acres	Applied Activity	Date Applied
<i>EX.101</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>25.0</i>	<i>Prescribed Burning</i>	<i>March of 2013</i>	<i>15.0</i>	<i>Prescribed Burning</i>	<i>April of 2013</i>

EX= EXAMPLE, COLUMNS 1-5 NRCS COMPLETES, COLUMNS 6-8 PRODUCER COMPLETES

I certify that the prairie restoration meets these specifications including the following documentation as applicable:

1. Completed [NE-CPA-8 Grass Seeding Job Sheet](#) and associated seed tags, and bills as required.
2. Attach a grazing management plan that includes a schedule, stocking rate, and forage balance.
3. Documentation of any additional management practices to be performed – (SEE ABOVE TABLE).
4. Map with prairie restoration area clearly identified (highlighted, outlined, etc.).

Certified by: _____ **Date:** _____