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United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

NE-ANM03 2011 Ranking Period 1

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

**State Criteria (same as NATIONAL 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.

**Note:** Existing vegetation must be adequately suppressed to allow seeded species to become established. Common methods include chemical mowing, reduced-rate herbicide application, tillage, etc.

**Additional Criteria for Nebraska**

Select acceptable native grass and/or legume species from the "wildlife friendly" plant list. Document recommended site preparation, planting method, seed mixture, seeding rates and other pertinent information on the Grass Seed Job Sheet (NE-CPA-8). Seeding rates must range between a minimum of 10 PLS/Ft.$^2$ to a maximum of 30 PLS/Ft.$^2$ to meet the requirements the Pasture and Hay Planting (512) standard. Seeding dates will correspond to the requirements outlined in Herbaceous Vegetation Design Procedures (550DP) Section 9 – Seeding Dates. 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 |
| *EX.1* | *2* | *55.0* | *55.0* | *55.0 Ac.* | *Approx. 5% Switchgrass* | *Seeded Western wheatgrass and red clover @ 25% rate* |
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**EX= EXAMPLE, COLUMNS 1-4 NRCS COMPLETES, COLUMNS 5-7 PRODUCER COMPLETES**

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

**Certified by: _____ Date:_____**

URL for "wildlife friendly" plant list:
http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/NE/Wildlife_Friendly_Plant_List.pdf