



United States Department of Agriculture
 Natural Resources Conservation Service

NE-SQL06 2011 Ranking Period 1

Soil Quality Enhancement Activity – SQL06 – Conversion of cropped land to grass-based agriculture for biomass or forage production and wildlife habitat

State Criteria (same as NATIONAL CRITERIA)

Additional Criteria for Nebraska

Implementation of this enhancement **requires** cropland converted to perennial grassland which is mechanically harvested; it is not grazed.

The wildlife management objectives for most grazing management plans using this enhancement will include one or more of the following groups of targeted wildlife species:

- Grassland-dependent Songbirds – including species that prefer tall, dense structure such as Henslow’s sparrow, chestnut-collared longspur, common yellowthroat, dickcissel, and bobolink.
- Upland Game Birds – including species that need undisturbed nesting habitat such as Northern bobwhite quail, greater prairie chicken, plains sharp-tailed grouse, ring-necked pheasant, and wild turkey.
- Waterfowl and Water Birds (for grasslands in proximity to wetlands and other water features) – including species such as mallard, blue-winged teal, Northern pintail, etc.

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
Tract	Field	Acres Planned	Acres Applied
<i>Ex. T1001</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>

Ex. = example. NRCS completes column 1, 2 & 3 (Tract, Field and Acres Planned, etc). Operator completes remaining columns.

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

Certified by: _____ **Date:** _____