



**Animal Enhancement Activity – ANM09 – Grazing management to improve wildlife habitat**

**State Criteria (same as NATIONAL CRITERIA)**

**Additional Criteria for Nebraska**

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.
- Upland Game – including species that occupy wooded habitats such as fox squirrel, cottontail rabbit, and white-tailed deer.
- 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.
- Woodland-dependent At-Risk Wildlife – including species such as Cerulean warbler, Lewis’ woodpecker, Southern flying squirrel, fringe-tailed myotis, long-legged myotis, and Townsend’s big-eared bat.

**Additional Criteria for Silvopasture**

Assistance from a qualified wildlife biologist or NRCS staff with adequate job approval authority for wildlife habitat is required to conduct the habitat inventory and develop the management plan for the target species, including any necessary items listed under Silvopasture Criteria #2 on the national enhancement job sheet. An [NE-CPA-14](#) Wildlife Development/Management Plan may be used to document these items.

**Documentation Requirements (SEE NATIONAL ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY JOBSHEET)**

Primary nesting and fawning season is May 1 through July 15.

Identify wildlife management objectives: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Identify targeted wildlife species (circle group or species noted above or note other species): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Complete the table below to document the grazing management plan details:

To be completed by NRCS				To be completed by Producer during certification
1	2	3	4	5
Tract	Pasture	Total Acres	Planned Deferred Acres	Pasture, Applied Deferred Acres, and Year of Deferment
<i>Ex. 1</i>	<i>R1-3</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>Approx.55</i>	<i>R1- 62 Ac. in 2012; R2-58 Ac. in 2013; R1-62 Ac. in 2014; R2-58 Ac. in 2015; R1-62 Ac. in 2016 (see attached map)</i>

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Complete the Table below, as needed for management activities 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>Cleared understory of encroaching Eastern red cedar</i>	<i>March of 2013</i>	<i>25.0</i>	<i>Cut red cedar and disposed of brush piles</i>	<i>April of 2013</i>

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1. Attach a management plan that includes the targeted wildlife species, required habitat inventory, and management activities designed to improve habitat.
2. Attach a grazing management plan that includes a schedule, stocking rate, and forage balance.
3. Documentation of any management practices to be performed – (SEE ABOVE TABLE).
4. Map with plant community restoration area clearly identified (highlighted, outlined, etc.).

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

**Certified by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_