



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 Forage and Biomass 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
<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 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_2012.pdf