



**Animal Enhancement Activity – ANM35 – Enhance wildlife habitat on expired grass/legume covered CRP acres or acres with similar perennial vegetated cover managed as hayland**

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

**Additional Criteria for Nebraska**

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

- Grassland-dependent Birds – including some species that prefer taller, denser structure such as Henslow’s sparrow, short-eared owl, long-billed curlew, chestnut-collared longspur, loggerhead shrike, and Sprague’s pipit.
- Upland Game Birds – including species of national interest that need undisturbed nesting habitat such as Northern bobwhite quail, greater prairie chicken, and plains sharp-tailed grouse.
- Pollinators – including butterfly species that occupy grasslands such as Iowa skipper, married underwing, Whitney underwing, Ottoe skipper, and regal fritillary.

Primary nesting and fawning season is May 1 through July 15. At least 66% (2/3) of the hayland acreage must be deferred until after July 15<sup>th</sup> each year.

Minimum cutting height for option 4. a) iii. is 5” on all hayed acres.

Official sunrise and sunset time for the local area are to be used for option B.2.

An [NE-CPA-14](#) Wildlife Development/Management Plan and a detailed plan map may be used to document items including:

- The location and number of acres to be deferred each year (identify “sub-units” within hay fields).
- Any unique management scenarios needed to meet the habitat requirements of the target wildlife species.

Haying of the 33% (1/3) of acreage allowed to be cut during primary nesting period must still meet the 5” stubble height as well as requirements under 4. b) under National Criteria (flush bar, timing, and pattern).

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

Identify wildlife management objectives: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 haying management plan details:

To be completed by NRCS				To be completed by Producer during certification
1	2	3	4	5
Tract	Field	Total Acres	Planned Deferred Acres	Field, Applied Deferred Acres, and Date of Haying
<i>Ex. 1</i>	<i>H1a-1c</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>Approx.105</i>	<i>H1a – 55 acres hayed June 25, 2014 H1b &amp; H1c – 105 acres hayed on July 20, 2014 (see attached map)</i>

EX= EXAMPLE, COLUMNS 1-4 NRCS COMPLETES, COLUMN 5 PRODUCER COMPLETES

1. A schedule of when haying activities occurred documenting that haying activities were deferred on a minimum of 66% of the available acreage. – (SEE TABLE ABOVE)
2. A map showing the acreage where these activities are applied and the locations of the deferred haying.
3. A management plan (as needed) that includes any unique management needed to provide habitat for the targeted wildlife species.
4. A photo showing residual heights of hay after mowing.
5. A photo showing the flush bar attachment on tractor and/or haying equipment.

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

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