



Soil Quality Enhancement Activity – SQL09 – Conversion of cropped land to grass-based agriculture

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.
- 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.

1. Completed [NE-CPA-8 Grass Seeding Job Sheet](#) and associated seed tags, and bills as required.
2. Completed [NE-CPA-8A Grass/Legume Stand Evaluation](#) for multiple areas in the field(s) prior to harvest each year
3. Prescribed grazing plan that addresses the criteria listed for this enhancement, Nebraska Prescribed Grazing Jobsheet (NE-ECS-528) or equivalent. (as applicable)

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

Certified by: _____ **Date:** _____