



**Animal Enhancement Activity – ANM21 – Prairie restoration for grazing and wildlife habitat**

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

**Additional Criteria for Nebraska**

Prairie types can be found in the Restoration and Management of Rare and Declining Habitat (643) standard. Additionally, example mixtures can be found in the Restoration and Management of Rare and Declining Habitat (643DPa) Prairie Design Procedure. These mixtures are designed to meet the current Nebraska standard. Contact the State Wildlife Biologist for assistance with developing mixtures other than what is outlined in the design procedure. There is no requirement for fungal and microbial inoculants.

Primary nesting and fawning season is May 1 through July 15. Grazing may not occur during this period. Weed control will generally only be necessary when it threatens the establishment of the stand. Typically, a minimum of two growing seasons will be required following seeding prior to implementing a grazing management plan. An assessment should be made to determine establishment prior to grazing.

Grazing management plans that impact a different portion of the area restored during a different time of year on a rotational basis are preferred. This will provide for a species within the mixture to avoid repeated impacts from grazing year after year and allow areas to be deferred from grazing each year during the peak of the growing season for the dominant species. Other management activities deemed suitable to compliment the prairie restoration (i.e. prescribed burning) can be conducted with approval from NRCS staff.

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

**Additional State Documentation Requirements**

Complete the Table below, as needed for management practices 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
EX.101	5	25.0	Prescribed Burning	March of 2014	15.0	Prescribed Burning	April of 2014

EX= EXAMPLE, COLUMNS 1-5 NRCS COMPLETES, COLUMNS 6-8 PRODUCER COMPLETES

**I certify that the prairie restoration meets these specifications including the following documentation as applicable:**

1. Completed [NE-CPA-8 Grass Seeding Job Sheet](#) and associated seed tags, and bills as required.
2. Attach a grazing management plan that includes a schedule, stocking rate, and forage balance.
3. Documentation of any additional management practices to be performed – (SEE ABOVE TABLE).
4. Map with prairie restoration area clearly identified (highlighted, outlined, etc.).

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