



Animal Enhancement Activity – ANM31 – Drainage water management

State Criteria (same as NATIONAL CRITERIA)

Cropland in perennial vegetation which is hayed is eligible for this enhancement provided that drainage features exist (i.e. ditch, tile, etc.) and are temporarily plugged to facilitate flooding. Removal of pumping to allow fields to flood is not an acceptable measure to qualify for this enhancement.

Additional Criteria for Nebraska

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

- Waterfowl and Water Birds – including species such as mallard, blue-winged teal, Northern pintail, canvasback, black-crowned night heron, king rail, etc.
- Shorebirds – including species such as buff-breasted and other sandpiper species, American avocet, black-necked stilt, Western grebe, etc.
- Amphibians – including species such as Northern leopard frog, Blanding’s turtle, American toad, smallmouth salamander, etc.

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 ponding and drawdown periods. An [NE-CPA-14](#) Wildlife Development/Management Plan may be used to document these items.

Identify wildlife management objectives: _____

Identify targeted wildlife species (circle group or species noted above or note other species): _____

REFERENCES

USDA, NRCS. 2001. National Engineering Handbook, Part 624, Sec. 16, Drainage of agricultural land.

USDA, NRCS. 2001. National Engineering Handbook, Part 650, Engineering Field Handbook, Chapter 14, Water management (Drainage)

[NRCS Conservation Practice Standard, Drainage Water Management \(554\)](#)



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	5	6	7	8
Tract	Field	Total Field Acres	Acres of Cropland Flooded (Planned)	Acres of Cropland Flooded (Applied)	Equipment Installed	Date Field(s) was Flooded	Date Water Removed from Field(s)
<i>EX. 100</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>55.0</i>	<i>20.0</i>	<i>17.5</i>	<i>Agri-Drain Structure</i>	<i>11/15/2015</i>	<i>4/15/2016</i>

EX= EXAMPLE, COLUMNS 1-4 NRCS COMPLETES, COLUMNS 5-8 PRODUCER COMPLETES

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

1. A wildlife habitat management plan that includes unique management for target wildlife species.
2. Map showing where treatments and structures were applied (highlighted, outlined, etc.).
3. Documentation of completed management activity, as required. – (COMPLETE TABLE ABOVE)
4. Representative digital images of the impounded water with field and dates labeled on photo.

Certified by: _____ **Date:** _____