



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.
- Waterfowl and Water Birds (for grasslands in proximity to wetlands and other water features) – including species such as mallard, Northern pintail, Wilson’s snipe, American bittern, etc
- Pollinators – including butterfly species that occupy grasslands such as Iowa skipper, married underwing, Whitney underwing, Ottoo 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 15th 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.

This enhancement can be used on lands in perennial herbaceous cover (including those established for at least three consecutive years in a long-term rotation with annual crops). Incidental lands are areas within or adjacent to the field that are not routinely used for production and should not count toward deferred acres.

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)

Additional State Documentation Requirements

Identify wildlife management objectives: _____

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



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NE-ANM35 2015 Ranking Period 1

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
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, 2015 H1b & H1c – 105 acres hayed on July 20, 2015 (see attached map)</i>

EX= EXAMPLE, COLUMNS 1-4 NRCS COMPLETES, COLUMN 5 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 deferred acres were applied for each year (highlighted, outlined, etc.).
3. A schedule of when haying activities occurred documenting that haying activities were deferred on a minimum of 66% of the available acreage. – (COMPLETE TABLE ABOVE)
4. Photograph of cutting height using a reference (i.e. ruler) for option 4. a. ii.
5. Photograph of flush bar attachment on tractor for option 4. b. i.

Certified by: _____ **Date:** _____