



United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

NE-ANM53 2015 Ranking Period 1

Animal Enhancement Activity – ANM53 – Hinge cutting for wildlife

State Criteria (same as NATIONAL CRITERIA)

An [NE-CPA-14](#) Wildlife Development/Management Plan and a detailed plan map may be used to document items including the target wildlife species (specifically, those dependent upon low brushy habitats such as Northern bobwhite quail). Hinge cutting isolated trees or groups of trees in open grassland habitat will also benefit area sensitive species that are grassland dependent (i.e. Henslow’s sparrow).

Additional Criteria for Nebraska

Treatments involving tree removal should not occur during the primary nesting period for migratory birds (April 1 to July 15) with consideration for early or late nesting species (i.e. raptors).

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	Planned Acres	Planned Cut Trees	Applied Acres	Approximate Area Treated	Approx. Number and Species of Tree Cut	Date Completed
<i>EX. T1001</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>160 Ac.</i>	<i>Approx. 250 trees</i>	<i>160Ac.</i>	<i>3.5 Acres</i>	<i>Approx. 100 S. elm Approx. 200 Honeylocust</i>	<i>3/15/2015</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 copy of the wildlife habitat management plan or similar document that identifies required elements.
2. Map showing areas where hinge cutting was applied (highlighted, outlined, etc.).
3. Documentation of treatment including cut trees per acre. – (COMPLETE TABLE ABOVE)
4. Representative digital images of the trees after hinge cutting was implemented.

Certified by: _____ **Date:** _____