



**Water Quality Enhancement Activity – SQL17 – Placement of hay feeding areas on low fertility soils**

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

**Additional State Criteria and Clarification:**

1. Soils shall be sampled and analyzed in accordance with Practice Specification for Nutrient Management ([S-590](#)) or NebGuide “Guidelines for Soil Sampling” ([G1740](#)).
2. Feeding sites will be moved from the selected sites when soil disturbance is evident, excessive hay residue becomes a concern or when weather conditions will adversely impact the soil.
3. Hay feeding locations will be rotated across sites with low fertility soils to minimize soil disturbance, erosion and compaction.
4. Feeding sites will be located away from environmentally sensitive areas such as wetlands and riparian areas.

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

**Additional State Documentation Required:**

1. Complete the following table:

1	2	3	4	5	6
Tract No	Field No(s)	Description of grass species present	Feeding Dates		Number of Feeding Locations
			Beginning Dates	Ending Dates	

NRCS will complete columns 1-3 at the time of planning. Participant will complete columns 4-6 after enhancement has been completed.

**I certify that the unrolled bale feeding technique was utilized to re-distribute and concentrate nutrients to low fertility soils. I have included the following documentation:**

1. Provide a copy of soils test analysis documenting areas on pastureland which has less than optimum soil nutrients on the targeted field.
2. Provide a map showing the location of targeted hay feeding sites
3. Provide a photograph of the feeding sites showing the hay and manure distribution in the targeted feeding areas.

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