

Animals Enhancement Activity – ANM02-Defer Crop Production on Temporary and Seasonal Wetlands



Enhancement Description

Deferring crop production on temporary and/or seasonal wetlands until after spring migratory bird season to promote early successional wetland habitat.

Land Use Applicability

This enhancement is applicable on cropland

Benefits

Undisturbed temporary and seasonal wetlands provide cover and food for waterfowl, shorebirds, and other wetland-dependent wildlife species. Delaying the physical disturbance of temporary and seasonal wetlands allows migratory species to reach nesting grounds in better physical condition and improves hatching success.

Criteria for Deferred Crop Production

Temporary and seasonal wetlands in cropland will be left undisturbed until after dates established by NRCS State Offices.

Requirements for Wetland Defer Crop Production on Temporary and Seasonal Wetlands

- ◆ This enhancement can be used to protect temporary and seasonal wetlands on all cropland acres.
- ◆ Refrain from cultivating the entire temporary/seasonal wetland until after the dates established for this enhancement.
- ◆ Haying, grazing, prescribed burning, and light disking can be used to manipulate the herbaceous vegetation after the established dates.
- ◆ For implementation of this enhancement, production should be deferred on at least 1% of cropland.

Documentation Requirements

- An aerial photograph showing the areas where deferred cropping takes place
- A schedule showing when crops were planted on the deferred areas



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State Criteria

No disturbance, including tillage, livestock grazing, haying, or prescribed burning, following crop harvest in the fall through **May 15th** of the following spring. These restrictions only apply to the area of temporary and/or seasonal wetland identified on the attached map. The wetland area should equal or exceed 1% of the cropland acres within the field.

In addition, complete the table below:

To be completed by NRCS and Producer during planning				To be completed by Producer during certification process		
Tract	Field	Field Acres	Acres of Deferred Wetland (Planned)	Acres of Deferred Wetland (Applied)	Disturbance Type Implemented (i.e. cropped, burned, etc.)	Date Disturbance was Implemented
100	2	55.0	1.5	1.5	Planted Soybeans	May 25 th

I certify that the deferred crop production meets these specifications including the following documentation as applicable:

1. Written documentation of the activity performed – completed table above.
2. Map with deferred crop production areas clearly identified (highlighted, outlined, etc.).

Certified by: _____ **Date:** _____