



United States Department of Agriculture
 Natural Resources Conservation Service

CSP Job Sheet G-13

GRAZING MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT

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Name: _____

Manage native hay lands by harvesting during proper growth stages and allow for regrowth of selected species

Payment = \$ _____ / Acre/Year in native hay land management units that are harvested in a manner that ensures the vigor of key species.

Native hay lands are often very diverse grasslands that contain mixtures of native grasses and forbs important for livestock feed, wildlife, and insects. Harvesting strategies that focus on proper harvest date and re-growth of key hay land plant species will ensure native grassland values are maintained or improved and that the vigor and productivity of native plant communities is continued.

Required Elements and Maintenance:

- Only permanent hay lands dominated by native plant species are eligible for this enhancement,
- A key species will be selected and hay land will be harvested at the proper cutting height and growth stage of the key species,
- Refer to Table below for key species cutting height and growth stage harvesting requirements.

Key Species	Cutting	Growth Stage	Minimum Cutting Height (Inches)	Regrowth by Frost (Inches)
Tall Warm-Season Grass Species*	1 st	Boot to Medium Head	3	8
Most Native Cool-Season Grasses	1 st =	Boot to Medium Head	3	-
	2 nd =	When 8-10" Tall	3	5
Native Wildryes	1 st =	Early to Full Head	3	-
	2 nd =	When 8-10" Tall	3	4

*Tall warm-season species include: Big & Sand Bluestem, Indiangrass, Switchgrass, Prairie Sandreed, & Eastern Gamagrass

Documentation Required:

Use the following table for documentation and attach a plan map showing the location of native hay land units where a key species has been selected and is harvested during the proper growth stage. An example is provided to assist you.

Management Units	Key Species	Harvest Date	Acres Treated	Average Stubble Height at Last Cutting (inches)	Year(s)
Field 9	Big Bluestem	7/14	50	4 inches	2006

Example

Management Units	Key Species	Harvest Date	Acres Treated	Average Stubble Height at Last Cutting (inches)	Year(s)

Additional Documentation Required:

Signed certification that native hay lands are harvested during the proper growth stage allowing for re-growth of key species.

Certification:

I certify that I have selected a key species and harvest hay land during the proper growth stage described in this jobsheet for the field(s) listed in the table above.

Name: _____ Date: _____