Animal Enhancement Activity – ANM 23 – Multi-species native perennials for biomass/wildlife habitat

Enhancement Description
This enhancement consists of establishing native perennial vegetation for biomass production and wildlife habitat.

Land Use Applicability
Cropland, pastureland and rangeland

Benefits
Establishing multi-species native perennial vegetation and managing for both biomass and wildlife can provide natural resource and financial benefits.

Criteria

1. Biomass fields should managed for species of conservation concern as identified by the NRCS State Office and State Wildlife Action Plans.
2. After establishment, the field will be protected from grazing and disturbance during the primary nesting and fawning season as defined by the NRCS State Office.
3. A management plan covering the length of the contract will be developed for this enhancement activity. Management actions and their impact on affected wildlife species will be addressed.
4. Harvesting of biomass must be in accordance with a written management plan that minimizes impacts on wildlife species, especially grassland nesting birds. Partial removal in late summer/early fall to allow for re-growth for winter cover should be addressed in the management plan, where winter conditions interfere with late season harvest.
5. Field borders using forbs and grasses should be established and managed to accommodate edge species and pollinators.

Documentation Requirements
Following implementation of this activity, the landowner must document the establishment of multi-species native vegetation suitable for biomass production and wildlife habitat. A brief written description of the actions taken and planned; receipts and dates; and a map or aerial photograph delineating the location of the established vegetation must be provided.

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Written documentation shall include a summary of the soil moisture regime of the site, plant species established and method of establishment. Provide an annual summary of site management and weed control activities implemented in the current program year.

The primary nesting and fawning season is May 15th through August 1st.