

**FISCAL YEAR 2011 KANSAS
Lesser Prairie–Chicken Initiative ELIGIBLE PRACTICES LIST¹**

Practice Code	Practice Name	Reporting Units
<u>Structural and Vegetative Practices</u>		
314	Brush Management ²	Acre
338	Prescribed Burning	Acre
340	Cover Crop ¹³	Acre
382	Fence ³	Feet
394	Firebreak	Feet
500	Obstruction Removal ¹⁰	Acre
516	Pipeline	Feet
533	Pumping Plant ⁴	Number
574	Spring Development	Number
595	Pest Management ²	Acre
614	Watering Facility ¹²	Number
642	Water Well	Number
645	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management ⁵	Acre
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<u>Management Practices</u>		
472	Access Control ⁷	Acre
528	Prescribed Grazing ^{8,9}	Acre
	¹ Historically Underserved (HU)–Beginning Farmers/Ranchers (BF/R), Limited Resource Farmers/Ranchers (LFR/R), and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers/Ranchers (SDF/R) are eligible for a higher payment rate.	
	² Broadcast and aerial treatment will be eligible only where mechanical or spot–treatments are not practical. If broadcast or aerial treatment is needed, justification will be documented in the producer's case file. For brush control, see (314) Brush Management specifications, Table 2.	
	³ <u>Perimeter or boundary fences:</u> financial assistance (FA) only available for fences around entire Conservation Reserve Program fields that have expired or will expire. Prior to beginning design on any perimeter or boundary fence scheduled for FA, a participant shall provide assurances of legal property line locations AND agreements with adjoining landowners. As a minimum, this may include a notarized agreement with the adjoining landowner(s) regarding location and maintenance; notarized agreement with township, county, or state in the case of road right of ways; or a legal survey. Expenses for legal surveys and agreements are the responsibility of the participant. Failure to provide needed documentation of location and agreement with adjoining landowner(s) may result in contract termination. Refer to Bulletin KS300-11-20. <u>Interior fences:</u> Interior cross–fences are eligible for FA, only if fence is needed to aid in the implementation of a grazing system for the development of prairie–chicken habitat.	
	⁴ Practice is eligible for a solar pump to be used for the purpose of pumping water from a water body, in order to remove livestock from the water body (e.g., pond or stream), OR on new wells.	

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5	Practice is eligible where cropland will be seeded back to permanent native vegetation.
6	Fence markers are eligible as visibility enhancements. See (528) Fence for requirements.
7	Practice is eligible for management payment only where livestock are excluded for twelve consecutive months and followed by prescribed grazing. Practice codes 472 and 528 will not be applied for incentive on the same acres in the same year.
8	Practice will be implemented a minimum of three years. Payment will be made upon annual implementation of the practice.
9	See Range Technical Note 9 for habitat type description and wildlife plan development requirements. Development of nesting and brood rearing habitat primarily for Lesser Prairie-Chickens.
10	Removal of interior fences or structures. Fences must no longer be serving their intended purpose AND must be beyond their practice life–span. Structures include abandoned pump jacks, windmills, and oil/saltwater storage batteries under the control of the applicant. Fences and structures must either (1) be in flight paths from nesting cover to leks or brood-rearing cover OR (2) cause non-use of habitat by prairie–chickens. This practice is not to be used to remove existing perimeter/boundary fences so that new perimeter/boundary fences may be installed.
11	Conversion of introduced grass to native warm season species using non-selective herbicide may be used to convert Old World Bluestem (OWB) or other introduced species. Requires two treatments of herbicide. Additionally, Prescribed Burn (338) and Cover Crop (340) may be necessary to control OWB. This process is to be used on expiring Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), go–back areas, or other seeded acreage only. If it is <u>not</u> to be used on native grazed range. See Conservation Reserve Program Technical Guidance Document Number 76.
12	Wildlife escape ramps required.
13	Cover crops are eligible for native grass establishment only.