

**Animal Enhancement Activity – ANM 23 – *Multi-species Native Perennials for Biomass/Wildlife Habitat***



**Multi-species Native Perennials for Biomass/Wildlife Habitat**

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

**Land Use Applicability**

This enhancement is applicable to cropland, pastureland, and rangeland that can be used to produce biomass and provide wildlife habitat.

**Benefits**

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

**Criteria for Multi-species Native Perennials for Biomass/Wildlife Habitat**

- ◆ Biomass fields should be managed for species of conservation concern as identified by the NRCS State Office and State Wildlife Action Plans.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Field borders using forbs and grasses should be established and managed to accommodate edge species and pollinators.



## **Documentation Requirements for Multi-species Native Perennials for Biomass/Wildlife Habitat**

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.

**ANIMAL ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY**

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                                 Biomass/Wildlife Habitat**

**Criteria**

- Biomass fields should be managed for species of conservation concern in the appropriate ecoregion as identified in the Oregon Conservation Strategy (ODFW 2006).
- Primary nesting and fawning period is March 1 - July 15.

**References**

- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. 2006. Oregon Conservation Strategy. Salem, OR.  
<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/conservationstrategy/>