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.