



ANM10 - Montana Supplement

Harvest Hay in a Manner That Allows Wildlife to Flush and Escape – (Animal Enhancement Activity)

Montana Clarification

This enhancement is only applicable to any land that is hayed (permanent hay or annual hay such as hay barley).

Montana Specifications:

Producers must choose either the National Criteria A (defer Haying) OR National Criteria B (haying conducted during nesting/fawning period). Depending on that choice – the producer needs to follow the management practices under Criteria A or B but not a combination

For Criteria A:

- Fawning and nesting dates for Montana are April 15 through August 1.
- Minimum cutting height is 6 inches for tall, slender, pubescent, intermediate, and bluebunch wheatgrass, beardless and altai wildrye, switchgrass, and reed canarygrass.
- Minimum cutting height is 8 inches for basin wildrye.
- Minimum cutting height for alfalfa is 3 inches and 4 inches for grass.

OR

For Criteria B:

- Flush bar should be at least seven feet in front of the cutter blades. The vertical flushing devices (chains, metal bars, etc.) should be spaced 1.5 feet apart and extend downward into the alfalfa/hay.
- If average speed is greater than 6 mph, the flush bar should be moved farther ahead and noise makers, such as bells should be added.
- All haying will be done during daylight hours.

Incompatible Enhancements

Some enhancements are not compatible with other enhancements. If you have a question, contact your local NRCS field office

Eligible Land

Cropland

Applicable Amount

Only applies to any annually planted or perennial hayland acres (a subset of cropland)

Documentation Requirements

1. Map showing the fields that were treated
2. Criteria A – A picture showing residual heights of hay after mowing, hay acres idled and cutting dates. **OR**
3. Criteria B – A picture showing the flush bar attachment on the tractor or swather, time of day hay field was mowed, and haying pattern used.



I acknowledge that I have read and understand all that is required for the implementation of this CSP Enhancement Activity.

Contract participant

Date