

PARTICIPANT JACOB J BALUSKA	COUNTY AND STATE Kimball County, Nebraska	PROGRAM AND CONTRACT NUMBER <i>11498</i>	FUND CODE CRP Signup 54
LAND UNITS OR LEGAL DESCRIPTION Tract: 75 Fields: 60, 61, 62, 64, 65	WATERSHED	ACRES 919.66	EXPIRATION DATE 9/30/2030

Contract Item 1 Forage Harvest Management (511)

Forage will be harvested on Conservation Reserve Program lands (as shown on attached plan map), as allowed for under CRP haying and grazing provisions. Forage harvest will be completed on appropriate acreage at the proper intensity, height and time in order to maintain the desired stand of grass/forb species. Refer to appropriate Nebraska Conservation Planning Sheet No. 12 for Haying and Grazing requirements.

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					2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029-2030	
					\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
1	Forage Harvest Management (511)	919.66 Ac		\$0				<i>459.83ac</i>							
1a	Practice Already Established - 20NE511 - haying	919.66 Ac	\$0.00/Ac	50% AM				919.66 Ac	<i>459.83ac</i>	<i>HC</i>	<i>2020-0141</i>				

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Contract Item 2 Forage and Biomass Planting (512)

(CP 512 Forage and Biomass Planting) Adapted grasses or grasses and legumes/forbs will be seeded. Seeding specifications will be obtained before planting. Seedings will be protected from weed competition during establishment and maintained according to CRP maintenance requirements. Refer to NE-CPA-8 (JOB SHEET FOR GRASS SEEDING) for specifications. Maintenance of the desired vegetative cover is the responsibility of the producer. Refer to Nebraska Conservation Planning Sheet 19 (CONSERVATION SERVE PROGRAM COVER MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS).

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					2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029-2030
					\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2	Forage and Biomass Planting (512)	919.66 Ac		\$0										
2a	Practice Already Established - 20NE512 - CP1; CP2; CP18B/C	919.66 Ac	\$0.00/Ac	50% AM	919.66 Ac									→

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Contract Item 3 Herbaceous Weed Treatment (315)

(CP 315) Removal or control of herbaceous weeds including invasive, noxious or prohibited plants to increase the production of desirable herbaceous vegetation. Maintenance of the desired vegetative cover is the responsibility of the producer. Refer to Nebraska Conservation Planning Sheet 19 (CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM COVER MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS). Mechanical and/or Chemical herbaceous weed control specifications are on the enclosed job sheet. Herbicides will be applied in accordance with the manufacturer's label recommendations. Refer to appropriate Nebraska Conservation Jobsheet NE-CPA-315 (Plan for Herbaceous Weed Control) for these requirements. Reference 315 eFOTG standard for complete O&M requirements. <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/>

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					2020 \$	2021 \$	2022 \$	2023 \$	2024 \$	2025 \$	2026 \$	2027 \$	2028 \$	2029-2030 \$	
3	Herbaceous Weed Treatment (315)	919.66 Ac		\$0											
3a	Maintenance - 20NE315 -	919.66 Ac	\$0.00/Ac	50% AM	916.66 Ac										→

Contract Item 4 Access Control (472)

(CP 472) Livestock will be excluded from all land in CRP according to contract requirements.

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					2020 \$	2021 \$	2022 \$	2023 \$	2024 \$	2025 \$	2026 \$	2027 \$	2028 \$	2029-2030 \$	
4	Access Control (472)	919.66 Ac		\$0											
4a	Non-Cost Share Access Control	919.66 Ac	\$0.00/Ac	0% NC	919.66 Ac										→

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Contract Item 5 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)

(CP 645) Wildlife habitat will be maintained to benefit desired types of wildlife according to CRP cover management requirements. Maintenance of the desired vegetative cover is the responsibility of the producer. Refer to Nebraska Conservation Planning Sheet 19 (CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM COVER MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS).

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					2020 \$	2021 \$	2022 \$	2023 \$	2024 \$	2025 \$	2026 \$	2027 \$	2028 \$	2029-2030 \$		
5	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)	919.66 Ac		\$0												
5a	Practice Already Established - 20NE645 - All	919.66 Ac	\$0.00/Ac	50% AM	919.66 Ac											→

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Total Cost-Share or Payment by Year											
Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total Payment
Amount(\$)	0			0							\$0

NOTES: A. All items numbers on form NRCS-CPA-1155 must be carried out as part of this contract to prevent violation.

B. When established, the conservation practices identified by the numbered items must be maintained by the participant at no cost to the government.

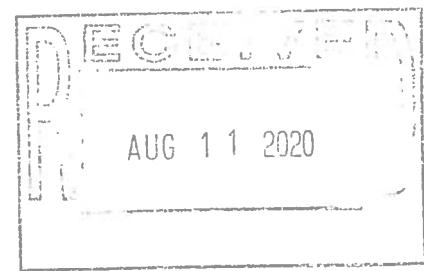
C. All cost share rates are based on average cost (AC) with the following exceptions.
 AA = Actual costs not to exceed average cost. FR = Flat rate. NC = Non cost-shared. AM = Actual cost not to exceed the specified maximum.

D. By signing, the participant acknowledges receipt of this conservation plan including this form NRCS-CPA-1155 and agrees to comply with the terms and conditions here of.

Certification of Participants					
Signature	Date	Signature	Date	Signature	Date
JACOB J BALUSKA <i>Jacob J. Baluska</i>	8-11-2020				

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Signature of Reviewing Officials			
NRCS Approving Official		Approved By <i>SPNRD</i>	
Signature JOE LARSON	Digitally signed by JOE LARSON Date: 2020.07.28 05:59:16 -06'00'	Signature <i>Sydney Wagner</i>	Date <i>8/11/2020</i>
Farm Service Agency			
Signature <i>Laura Baker</i>	Date <i>8-12-2020</i>	Signature	Date



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Guidance for Non-Emergency Haying of CRP "Whole Field/Block" and Linear Buffer Contracts



Nebraska Conservation Planning Sheet 12Q-CRP (June 2020)

Landuser: Jacob J Baluska OPID: _____ County: Kimball Date: 7/21/2020
 CRP Contract No./Revision No. : 11498 Tract No. 75 Field No(s). 60,61,62,64,65

Non-Emergency Haying of CRP

This planning sheet is intended to provide guidance for haying of CRP contracts enrolled into CP options which are eligible for haying with the following provisions as outlined in CRP policy. This planning sheet covers enrolled contracts which are in a "whole field" or "block" configuration as well as functioning as linear buffers. The provisions in this document are applicable to any CRP contracts enrolled during Sign-Ups 53/54 or more recent and any previously enrolled CRP contract – provided that the cooperators adopts these new provisions for grazing on CRP in place of the previous criteria.

Option Selected (circle): Option A – Whole Field/Block Configuration Option B – Linear Buffers

Option A – Applicable to Haying Use on CRP in Whole Field or Block Configuration:

- CP options include: CP-1, CP-2, CP-4B/D, CP-25, and CP-38E in General CRP, CREP or near Wellheads
- Continuous Sign-up: CP-9, CP-18B/C, CP-23(A), CP-27/28, CP-38B, CP-39, and CP-40 and also CP-33 pivot corners, provided these areas are generally more than 100 feet wide throughout most of the contract.
- This also applies to CP-42 and portions of CP-43 which are wider than 100 feet and larger than 1 acre. (Note: See additional provisions that apply to these CP-42 and CP-43 areas outlined below.)
- Avoid leaving portions of unhayed habitat which are less than 100 feet wide if possible to allow these residual areas to provide more effective wildlife habitat.

Option B – Applicable to Haying Use on CRP in Linear Buffers:

- CP options include: CP-8A, CP-15B/C, CP-21+B/S, CP-24, CP-29, CP-30 as well as all linear CP-33 areas.
- This option may also apply to CP-9, CP-18B/C, CP-23(A), CP-27/28, CP-38B, CP-39, and CP-40 IF they are configured as linear features based on the enrolled boundary (i.e. generally less than 100 feet wide).
- The herbaceous buffer portion (if present) of a CP-22+B/S Riparian Buffer is also eligible for haying use.
- Areas of CP-42 and CP-43, either of which are in a linear configuration or a block less than 1 acre.
- All areas of 'linear buffer' should be hayed in "segments" rather than splitting the buffer in linear fashion to avoid narrow strips of remaining habitat which are less useful as wildlife habitat. (Exceptions may occur for filter strips where the 20 foot zone next to the stream/waterbody must remain unhayed as noted below.)

General Requirements

- Only one cutting is permitted between the dates of July 16 and August 31. All hay bales/stacks must be removed by September 15 of the same year as the haying operation.
- The Conservation Plan of Operations includes 511 Forage Harvest Management (original or modified plan).
- Haying will only be allowed after approved cover of grass/forb/legume seedings are established.
- Haying is limited to once out of every three years (inclusive of emergency haying activity).
- A maximum of 75% of the enrolled acres may be hayed in a given year (unless otherwise authorized).
Note: Exceptions to allow 100% of the contract acres to be harvested (hayed) may be granted through the local FSA County Committee when being used to also prepare a site for another treatment (i.e. herbicide application) in order to facilitate an upgrade or management to improve the stand composition.
- Areas of CRP contract devoted to tree or shrub cover (i.e. shrub thickets in CP-33 or trees on a CP-22) and within 20 feet of a stream or permanent waterbody must be protected from haying and associated activity. (These areas will be identified on the plan map by the conservation planner and provided to the cooperator.)
- The minimum haying height for all vegetation types is 4 inches if at least 25% of the field is left unharvested. If the entire field is cut, a minimum haying height of 5 inches is required in those circumstances.
- CRP participant will be responsible for all expenses associated with reseeding or replanting, to NRCS specifications, if vegetation is destroyed.

Pollinator Habitat and Prairie Strips Requirements

- All enrolled acres of CP-42 and/or CP-43 which are significantly wider than 100 feet and larger than 1 acre will be identified on the plan map provided as an attachment.
- These blocks of pollinator habitat/prairie strips must be split to allow only 50% of the acreage to be hayed in any given year to allow the remaining acres to provide suitable habitat.

Management Considerations

- The following provisions are required to allow for the haying event to be considered management.
- Haying on "whole field" or "block" CP options is only applicable as a "stand alone" management treatment when the stand is adequately diverse (including forbs/legumes) and doesn't contain aggressive sod-forming grasses at a significant level. Otherwise, haying may be used to "prep" the site for additional management.
- Haying may be used for management on linear buffer practices regardless of stand diversity.
- Only 50% of the acres in a contract can be hayed in any given year for the activity to count as management. The remaining portion of the enrolled CRP may be hayed in a subsequent year.
- Refer to Nebraska Planning Sheet 20E for additional criteria to use haying as a management tool.
- A 25% payment reduction applies even when haying is used to accomplish management.

Attach a map of acres to be hayed with exclusion areas identified (shrubs, food plots, streams, etc.).

Total CRP Acres to be Hayed: _____ Date Haying Planned: _____

Note: A 25% payment reduction applies for haying in all circumstances (except Emergency Haying).

I (We) concur in the Guidance for Non-Emergency Haying of CRP – Whole Field/Block or Linear Buffers on contracts outlined in Nebraska Conservation Planning Sheet 12Q-CRP.

I (We) understand that all requirements are to be followed to meet grazing use of CRP for livestock.

COOPERATOR (Producer):	<i>Joel Larson</i>	Date:	8-11-2020
COOPERATOR (Producer):		Date:	
NRCS Representative:	JOE LARSON	Date:	
FSA County Committee:	<i>CE</i> <i>CE</i>	Date:	8-12-2020

CERTIFICATION – to be completed following the grazing event and returned to NRCS for certification.

Total CRP Acres Hayed: _____ Date Haying (cutting) Completed: _____

I (We) certify that the haying activity was implemented according to provisions outlined above and any necessary attached documentation (i.e. maps depicting acres hayed vs. left unharvested, etc.).

COOPERATOR (Producer):		Date:	
COOPERATOR (Producer):		Date:	
NRCS Representative:		Date:	
FSA County Committee:		Date:	

