

## ***Grazing Initiative: Enhancement Plan***

### **Purpose:**

Producers may elect to receive particular annual enhancement payments to support ongoing grazing management efforts. These payments will come out of the producer's total practice budget (\$85,000) and recognize the ongoing commitment to maintaining climate-smart practices that enhance soil health and biodiversity.

### **Enhancement Packages:**

There are **3 (Cropland Conversion, Grazing Management, Wildlife Management)** Enhancement Packages a producer can choose to select. A producer has the opportunity to select a new package each year of the project with practice adoption occurring in the fall. If a producer doesn't feel a specific package fits their objectives, they have the opportunity to create a Custom Enhancement Plan. Practices followed by the producer will be verified by RC&D staff prior to receiving an annual payment. Payments are based off of the number of acres enrolled in the respective practice. Once a package is chosen, practice documentation will be provided by RC&D staff. Prior to an approved Enhancement Plan, a producer must read, be aware of practice requirements, and discuss plans with RC&D staff.

### **Create an Enhancement Plan [HERE:](#)**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BPdvplUhQHWovLafyznGt4K3fJObowl-d5uXMNZXor4/edit>

### **Cropland Conversion**

This package is designed for producers looking to convert annual cropland into a permanent perennial system with a diverse forage base.

<b>Code</b>	<b>Enhancement Practice</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Payment Per Acre</b>
<i>E512A</i>	<i>Cropland conversion to grass-based agriculture to reduce soil erosion</i>	Ac	\$15.95
<i>E512C</i>	<i>Cropland conversion to grass for soil organic matter improvement</i>	Ac	\$23.31
<i>E512L</i>	<i>Diversifying forage base with interseeding forbs and legumes to increase pasture quality</i>	Ac	\$140.61
<i>E512M</i>	<i>Forage plantings that improve wildlife habitat cover and shelter or structure and composition</i>	Ac	\$87.39

## **Grazing Management**

The Grazing Management package is for producers who utilize rotational grazing, inter or overseed pastures to provide forage diversity, and bale grazing livestock in the winter months.

<b>Code</b>	<b>Enhancement Practice</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Payment per Acre</b>
E528A	<i>Maintaining quantity and quality of forage for animal health and productivity</i>	Ac	\$6.71
E528D	<i>Grazing management for improving quantity and quality of food or cover and shelter for wildlife</i>	Ac	\$0.99
E528E	<i>Improved grazing management for enhanced plant structure and composition for wildlife</i>	Ac	\$5.30
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## **Bale Grazing**

Housed under the Grazing Management package, bale grazing can provide significant soil and ecosystem benefits through the increase in soil organic matter, microorganism habitat and a decrease in evapotranspiration. Want to couple this practice with a different Enhancement Package? Create it a Custom plan!

<b>Code</b>	<b>Enhancement Practice</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Payment per Acre</b>
E528P	<i>Implementing Bale or Swath Grazing to increase organic matter and reduce nutrients in surface water</i>	Ac	\$275.25

## **Wildlife Management**

Selecting the Wildlife Management package is for producers interested in providing habitat for wildlife such as grassland bird species through stockpiling or banking forages, wildlife-specific forage plantings, and providing access to habitat.

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E528F	<i>Stockpiling cool season forage to improve structure and composition or plant productivity and health</i>	Ac	\$46.35
E528O	<i>Clipping mature forages to set back vegetative growth for</i>	Ac	\$70.02

	<i>improved forage quality</i>		
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**Don't see a plan that fits for you? Choose a custom plan from the practices below.**

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