

NEBRASKA AIRPORT REMINDERS

NDOT DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS | JUNE 2023 | HAY BALES



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Grass crops such as hay and alfalfa can be grown and harvested in semi-critical areas of your airport. However, it is your responsibility to make sure farming activities are conducted in a safe manner.

ITEM 1: Boundaries. Object Free Areas (OFAs) for runways and taxiways, and Airport Licensing Boundaries are in place for safety at your airport. Make sure you understand the importance of the OFAs and Airport Licensing Boundaries and their locations.

If you are unsure where these boundaries lay on your airport, contact Dave Lehnert at 402.471.7928 or dave.lehnert@nebraska.gov

ITEM 2: Farming restrictions. Grass crops such as hay and alfalfa are the only crops allowed within the OFAs and designated areas of the airport licensing boundaries. Equipment used for planting, harvesting, and baling is permitted within the limits only while the work is under way. No idle or unattended equipment shall remain within the boundaries. Once the equipment is not being used, it must be

moved to a location approved by the airport manager away from any aircraft operation areas. Hay bales must be removed from these boundaries right away.



Bales left inside the OFAs increase the risks of aircraft collisions.

Bales must be removed and stored in an area approved by the airport manager, away from any aircraft operation areas.

ITEM 3: Enforcement. The airport manager is responsible for enforcing safety measures at your airport. Before baling starts, the airport manager should meet with the farmer to discuss the boundaries, farming restrictions, storage locations, and consequences for non-compliance.

We recommend including farming restrictions and consequences for non-compliance in your farming leases.

ITEM 1

Boundaries

ITEM 2

Farming restrictions

ITEM 3

Enforcement

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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