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Wildlife Management Enhancement Activity – Interseed Native Legumes and/or Forbs (MI-EHM16)

Wildlife Management

An existing cool season grass or native grass stands with species that are not currently beneficial to wildlife can negatively impact the local wildlife population.

Benefits

Improving the diversity of existing cool season and/or warm season grass stands for wildlife help provide important areas to produce and raise young for a wide range of wildlife species including birds, small mammals, reptiles, amphibians and pollinating insects.

Criteria for Wildlife Management Enhancement Activity

This enhancement requires the inter-seeding of legumes and/or native forbs (wildflowers) into existing grass stands and the replacement of non-native grasses with native grasses. It also requires that these inter-seeded species be managed and maintained in the grassland. Management activities include disking, inter-seeding, burning or herbicide treatments which result in meeting the intent of this enhancement. NRCS Conservation Standard 645 will be followed.

This enhancement can be applied to existing hay, pasture or incidental areas such as roadsides and buffers that are a minimum of 30 feet wide. The enhancement will be paid on an annual basis for the acres that are being managed.

Supporting documentation for this enhancement will include the following:

- Native and/or forbs seeded
- Copies of dated receipts for materials or service purchased
- Field number(s) which were seeded
- The amount of acres that were seeded
- Seeding date and rate
- Annual planned management activity

References:

USDA, NRCS, Conservation Practice Standard 645, Upland Wildlife Habitat Management, Electronic Field office Technical Guide



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CSP Enhancement Certification Sheet

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Participant Acknowledgement Statement:

I agree to apply this enhancement under the terms and conditions of my CSP contract and understand the requirements of the activity.

Description			
Interseeding of legumes and/or native forbs (wildflowers) into existing grass stands and the replacement of non-native grass species with native grasses according to Conservation Standard 645.			
CTUs/Fields	Units Applied	Rate (lbs/acre)	Date Applied

Description			
Annual management activity which include any of the following: mowing, disking, inter-seeding, burning or herbicide treatments.			
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Compensation will be on a *per acre* basis as described in my CSP contract.



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I agree that the following information will be provided to NRCS upon request:

1. Native and/or forbs used in seeding
2. Copies of dated receipts for materials or services purchased
3. Field number(s) where activity occurred
4. Extent of activity
5. Seeding date and rate
6. Annual planned management Activity

I understand that it is my responsibility to obtain all necessary permits and to comply with all laws, regulations and ordinances pertaining to the application of these activities.

Accepted by: _____ **Date:** _____