

CRP NOTE #97

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This note provides additional guidance for field staff to certify CRP grass seedings as meeting NRCS Conservation Practice Standards. Starting now, all CRP grass seedings that are completed for any CRP practice will require the following information be provided before any seeding will be approved:

- An invoice showing the species name and variety of each grass seed planted (such as Forestburg Switchgrass, Tomahawk Indiangrass, Bison Big Bluestem, etc.); the bulk pounds being sold; the pure live seed pounds; and the price per pound for each seed
- The bulk or PLS amounts (pounds or ounces) of Forbs / legumes being planted, and the price
- One original seed tag from each lot for each variety of grass seed and forb / legume being planted
- For local harvest prairie mixes and forb / legume mixes, the invoice and seed tags must show the origin, species composition, purity and germination, and bulk amounts being sold

Seed dealers and vendors may not automatically provide this information, but they will do so if requested. NRCS field staff should discuss this policy with producers and let them know that they need to get this information from the vendor when they purchase their seed. If this information is not provided, the seeding will not be approved.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture is responsible for the implementation of the Minnesota Seed Law, which includes labeling of seed for sale in Minnesota. Questions may be directed to Collie Graddick, Advisor, Seed and Noxious Weed Unit, at (651) 296-1234.