

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

2013 EQIP Signup

Minnesota Supplement for:
Practice Standard 512 – Forage and Biomass Planting

Supplemental Criteria

1. Eligible plantings will be based on both:
 - a) An approved seeding plan and,
 - b) A detailed Forage Harvest Management or Prescribed Grazing plan.
2. Payments are limited to land being converted from annual crop production to permanent pasture or permanent hayland or to improve existing pasture.
3. Payment includes seedbed preparation, seed, seeding, soil amendments and weed control as appropriate based on an approved seeding plan.
4. Practice implementation must result in an environmental benefit.
5. Payment is not authorized for planting hay in crop rotation.
6. Payment is not authorized for clearing rocks or obstructions from the area to be seeded
7. Payment is not authorized for converting lands with greater than 10% woody vegetation into pasture or hayland.
8. Payment is not authorized for both Forage and Biomass Planting and Conservation Crop Rotation on the same acreage.
9. **See General Provisions 4 & 5** regarding soil testing and liming.
10. Consult General Provision 16 for establishment weed control information.

Scenarios

Seedbed Prep. Seed & Seeding - Native Perennial Grasses (1 species)

Establish or reseed adapted perennial native grasses to improve or maintain livestock/wildlife nutrition and health, extend the length of the grazing season, and provide soil cover to reduce erosion. Used for either conventional or no-till seeding of native grasses for pasture, hayland, and wildlife openings. This practice may be utilized for organic or regular production. This scenario assumes fertilizer, seed, equipment and labor for seed bed prep, tillage, seeding, and spreading.

Seedbed Prep. Seed & Seeding-Native Perennial Warm Season Grasses (4 species)

Establish or reseed adapted perennial native warm season grasses to improve or maintain livestock/wildlife nutrition and health, extend the length of the grazing season, and provide soil cover to reduce erosion. Used for either conventional or no-till seeding of perennial native warm season grasses for pasture, hayland, and wildlife openings. This practice may be utilized for

organic or regular production. This scenario assumes fertilizer, seed, equipment and labor for seed bed prep, tillage, seeding, and spreading.

Seedbed Prep. Seed & Seeding – Introduced Perennial Cool Season Grasses with legume

Establish or reseed adapted perennial introduced cool season grasses and legumes to improve or maintain livestock/wildlife nutrition and health, extend the length of the grazing season, and provide soil cover to reduce erosion. Used for either conventional or no-till seeding of perennial introduced cool season grasses for pasture, hayland, and wildlife openings. This practice may be utilized for regular production. This scenario assumes fertilizer, seed, equipment and labor for seed bed prep, tillage, seeding, and spreading.

Seedbed Prep. Seed & Seeding-Native Perennial Warm Season Grasses/Forbs

Establish or reseed adapted perennial native warm season grasses and forbs to improve or maintain livestock/wildlife nutrition and health, extend the length of the grazing season, and provide soil cover to reduce erosion. Used for either conventional or no-till seeding of perennial native warm season grasses for pasture, hayland, and wildlife openings. This practice may be utilized for organic or regular production. This scenario assumes fertilizer, seed, equipment and labor for seed bed prep, tillage, seeding, and spreading.

Seedbed Prep. Seed & Seeding- Introduced Organic Perennial Cool Season Grasses with legume

Establish or reseed adapted perennial introduced organic cool season grasses and legumes to improve or maintain livestock/wildlife nutrition and health, extend the length of the grazing season, and provide soil cover to reduce erosion. Used for either conventional or no-till seeding of perennial introduced cool season grasses for pasture, hayland, and wildlife openings. This practice may be utilized for regular production. This scenario assumes fertilizer, seed, equipment and labor for seed bed prep, tillage, seeding, and spreading.