



United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

2011 Ranking Period 1

Soil Quality Enhancement Activity—KS-SQL06
Conversion of cropped land to grass-based agriculture for biomass or forage production and wildlife habitat

Kansas Criteria for National Soil Quality Enhancement Activity—SQL06

1. New plantings will be designed using Construction Specifications 512, Pasture and Hay Planting.
2. Species selected will have beneficial impacts on biomass or forage production and wildlife habitat.
3. Seeding mixtures will contain only non-invasive, perennial species. At least one of the three required species will be a perennial grass. Native species are encouraged.
4. Refer to Construction Specifications 645, Upland Wildlife Habitat Management, for additional guidance when determining seeding mixtures that are wildlife-friendly and/or provide pollinator food and habitat. A brood cover mix is recommended for upland game birds and grassland bird species.