



Iowa Addendum: Soil Quality Enhancement Activity – SQL09 – Conversion of cropped land to grass-based agriculture

Establish perennial grassland species (e.g., switchgrass, big bluestem, indiagrass, eastern gamagrass, etc.) on cropland according to the NRCS Forage and Biomass Planting (512) conservation practice standard.

Acceptable perennial grassland species may include: introduced cool and warm season, native cool and warm season species of perennial grasses and legumes.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Complete the Table below:

To be completed by NRCS and Producer at time of Planning					To be completed by Producer at Certification		
Tract	Field #s)	Existing Crop Rotation	Planned Perennial seeding mix (Min 3 species)	Acres Planned	Acres Seeded	Plant density by species	Plants/sq yd by species each yr before harvest. (min 10 plt/sq yd)
T1234	1	C silage-B	Brome, Orchard, Red Clover	60	60	Brome Orchard Red clover	Brome – 5 Orchard – 2 Red clover - 4

EX= EXAMPLE, COLUMNS 1-5 NRCS COMPLETES, COLUMNS 6-7 PRODUCER COMPLETES
C=Corn; B=soybeans/edible beans; W=Wheat; M=Milo; A=Alfalfa; O=Oats; cc=cover crop;
Others=_____



Certification of Enhancement Completion:

I certify that the following information meets specifications and has been provided to NRCS:

1. Provide a map showing the location of the field(s) that were converted from cropland to grassland,
2. List the species that were included in the planting mix for each field (complete table above),
3. Provide a record of plant density by species (seeded and volunteer; number of plants/sq yd for each species present) for multiple areas in the field(s) prior to harvest each year (complete table above), and
4. Grazing management plan (as applicable).

Signature of Producer	Date	Fields	Acres or Number
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