



Plant Chat

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for NRCS Field Offices in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota

Wanted: Field Planting Sites for 2016

Sites in South Dakota, North Dakota, and Minnesota are needed for “on farm” field plantings. These trials provide a means to evaluate promising conservation plants in a variety of growing conditions. Are there producers out there willing to incorporate any of the following species into their 2016 seeding or planting plans?

Name	Species	Type	Material	Maximum Amount/planting
Virginia wildrye	<i>Elymus virginicus</i>	Grass	Seed	15 PLS pounds
Foxtail dalea ¹	<i>Dalea leporina</i>	Forb	Seed	10 PLS pounds (6 sites total)
Douglas fir	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	Tree	7-in ³ plugs	25
Sweetgrass ²	<i>Hierochloe odorata</i>	Grass	Plants	10

¹foxtail dalea seed is limited to a total of six sites

²sweetgrass is offered as special planting material and requires NO evaluation

Responsibility: The Plant Materials Center will provide seed/plants, evaluation forms (annually), and assistance with evaluation (when possible). The producer is responsible for planting or seeding, and the NRCS/Conservation District and/or producer is responsible for filling out evaluations (5 years for trees; 3 years for Virginia wildrye; 1 year for foxtail dalea).

Requests for:

- **Field Plantings:** Complete the [NRCS-ECS-9 form](#).
- **Tribal, Special or Demonstration Plantings:** use the [Request Form](#) on page 5.
- **Send completed forms to the contact person in your state:**

Minnesota (before November 30, 2015)	North Dakota (before November 21, 2015)	South Dakota (before December 19, 2015)
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Requests will be reviewed for approval at each state’s annual Plant Materials Technical Committee meeting. While the PMC will try to meet all needs, some may be denied due to limited seed and plant quantities. Each office will be notified concerning the status of their request.

Information related to species description, seeding rates, and desired sites can be found on pages 2-4.

Special Plantings

Limited amounts of seed or plants are available for demonstrations, education and research.

Foundation Seed

Foundation seed is available to anyone interested in producing conservation grass and forb seed.

For more information on special plantings, foundation seed, or any questions about field plantings, contact Wayne Markegard, Plant Materials Specialist at: wayne.markegard@usda.nrcs.gov or the Plant Materials Center at 701-250-4330.