



Iowa Native Prairie Planting Guide



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Option 3 of Increasing forb diversity in native grass-dominated stands

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- » This is an option when prairie forbs are present and the introduced plant community is < 30% of the plant composition.
- » The prairie plants present are expected to return with this option, but full seeding is still recommended.

Steps

1. Remove duff layer by fall mowing, or hay/graze or prescribed burn to existing stand.
 - Do not mow in the spring. It will create a thick duff layer.
2. Spray in late Spring
 - Wait for 6-8" of new growth on the native tall warm season grasses, then spray glyphosate (2 quarts/acre when the active ingredient is 41%), during the 3rd week of May or later.
3. Drill prairie mix
4. Mow
 - Mow 1st at 3-4" in height when the average height of the tall native grass component is 12" tall and/or annual weeds reach knee high.
 - Increase the mower height to 5-6" after the first mowing.
 - Additional mowings during the 2nd year will aide in seedling establishment.



Mowing a native prairie planting.

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