

#### KANSAS SUPPLEMENT TO

## **CONSERVATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY**

# CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

### E512B

Forage and biomass plantings to reduce soil erosion or increase organic matter to build soil health

**Conservation Practice 512: Forage and Biomass Planting** 

#### **Additional Criteria for Kansas**

In addition to the criteria specified in National Enhancement E512B, the following apply in Kansas:

- Use Kansas Conservation Practice Standard 512, Forage and Biomass Planting, Construction Specifications, for detailed guidance on meeting criteria.
  - Establish new plantings into approved seedbeds. Inter-seeding will require a sod-suppressing activity prior to planting. Due to management implications, do not seed native grass species into existing established cool-season grass plantings.
- Refer to Kansas Conservation Practice Standard 512, Forage and Biomass Planting, Construction Specifications, Section 10, for management practices during establishment of forage and biomass planting.
- Refer to Kansas Conservation Practice Standard 512, Forage and Biomass Planting, Construction Specifications, Section 11, for determining stand establishment of forage and biomass planting.
  - Procedures for determining stand adequacy are outlined in Kansas Agronomy Technical Note KS-27, Establishment guide for both herbaceous and woody plantings used in conservation programs.
- When livestock are included in the system:
  - Utilize Kansas Conservation Practice Standard 528, Prescribed Grazing, Construction Specifications, for grazing plan guidance, requirements, and allowable degree of use (utilization) when livestock are included in the system.

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#### **Additional Documentation Requirements for Kansas**

In addition to the documentation requirements specified in National Enhancement E512B, the following apply in Kansas:

- Use Form KS-ECS-4, Grass Seeding, for seeding design and certification.
- When livestock are included in the system:
  - Use Form KS-ECS-414, Proper Grazing Use, for documenting utilization.
  - Provide the applied grazing schedule showing grazing, deferment, and rest periods.

