



**KANSAS SUPPLEMENT TO
CONSERVATION ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY**

**CONSERVATION
STEWARDSHIP
PROGRAM**

E512I

Establish pollinator and/or beneficial insect and/or monarch habitat

Additional Criteria for Kansas

In addition to the criteria specified in National Enhancement E512I, the following apply in Kansas:

- Use the Monarch WHEG (NRCS MONARCH WHEG: SOUTHERN GREAT PLAINS EDITION 1.1 [March 28, 2016]) found in Kansas FOTG Section II, Wildlife Interpretations, Monarch Butterfly, when monarchs are the species of concern. Use the CART national wildlife questions for the appropriate land use when other pollinators or beneficial insects are targeted. In order to convert to a WHEG score, take the CART score and divide by 100. For example: CART score = 50, WHEG score would be calculated $(50/100) = 0.50$
- Use Kansas Conservation Practice Standard 512, Forage and Biomass Planting, Construction Specifications, for detailed guidance on meeting criteria.
 - Establish new plantings into approved seedbeds. Interseeding 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 Biology Technical Note KS-37, Pollinator Biology and Habitat Technology, for additional guidance on pollinator habitat design.
- 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.

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- Protect planting, during establishment, from grazing and disturbance during the following nesting and fawning dates:
 - Upland bird nesting dates are April 15 to July 15
 - Migratory bird nesting dates are April 1 to July 15
 - Fawning dates are May 20 to June 10
- 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.

Additional Documentation Requirements for Kansas

In addition to the documentation requirements specified in National Enhancement E512I, 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.