

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE  
CONSERVATION PRACTICE STANDARD**

**FIELD BORDER**

(Ft.)

**SPECIFICATION**

**CODE 386**

**Planting Native Grasses, or Introduced Grasses and Legumes**

- A. The minimum width for a planted field border is 30 feet.
- B. Lime and fertilize according to soil test.
- C. Prepare seedbed by tillage or use a no-till drill (use herbicides if necessary).
- D. Select species which meet the land user's objectives from Technical Guide Reference No. 122 (see Conservation Cover, 327). Refer to the Warm-Season Grasses or Cool-Season Grasses and Legumes Plant Hardiness Zones maps in Section I of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) for appropriate planting dates. The use of two or more species, such as a native grass mix or introduced grass/legume mixtures, is recommended to reduce disease and pest damage, and to increase wildlife habitat diversity.

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