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Introduction & Purpose

This 2010 version of the "NRCS Virginia Plant Establishment Guide" replaces the original "Plant Establishment Guide for Virginia" dated 2001. This is an official part of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) and is posted in the Virginia eFOTG. The information contained in this document is referred to in many of the conservation practice standards contained in Section II of the FOTG. It is to be maintained in all NRCS offices Virginia. This guide provides information, options, recommendations, and specifications for most planting, seeding or re-vegetation operations performed individually, a component of a conservation practice or conservation system.

The format of the guide provides the user with acceptable seeding mixtures and/or plant species for use with a practice, land use, vegetation type or problem area. In addition to species selection, the guide also provides rates, seeding dates, and other information that may be needed in the planning of practices and the development of specifications for individual sites. Information related to the management of established plants is provided, but limited. The guide contains appendices with important information on plant establishment methods and techniques. Section IX contains plant fact sheets on many of the recommended plant species for use in conservation practices.

Portions of the Guide can be duplicated and used as handouts or fact sheets with clients or for other agency or group use. It is highly desirable to provide and discuss all possible seeding and species alternatives with clients during the planning process so they may select the species that best fits their needs and management objectives.

On February 3, 1999, former President William J. Clinton signed Executive Order 13112, "Invasive Species," directing Federal agencies to "prevent the introduction of invasive species...and to minimize the economic, ecological and human health impacts that invasive species cause." In support of this policy, Virginia will only use native plants.

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