

**NRCS FARM BILL PROGRAM
2013 Practice Implementation Sheet
Range Planting 550**



Farm Bill Participant

Contract Number

Purpose: To establish adapted native grass species on suitable soils for the primary purpose of forage production. This includes conventional and no-till establishment of adapted native grass species.

- All species will be seeded within the recommended planting dates and at the recommended planting rates.
- Planted species will be adapted to the soil and climate as determined by the Field Office Technical Guide. Using native species as directed (at least 75%).
- Fertilization for establishment will be performed according to the TAMU recommendations.(on old cropland)
- Weeds will be controlled for establishment (if necessary) according to the **Herbaceous Weed Control (315)** Standard.

NRCS will:

- Assist participants in preparing a plan for planting including species selection, planting rates, and dates.
- Assist the participant with the development of plans for supporting practices such as Nutrient Management (590), Herbaceous Weed Control (315) and Integrated Pest Management (595) as needed.
- Measure and certify planted areas.

Participant will:

- ___ Plant adapted species at adapted rates within designated planting dates.
- ___ Defer new planting from grazing until the planted species is well established. (One full growing season from planting until killing frost)
- ___ Notify NRCS if shredding or spraying for weed control.
- ___ Follow NRCS Nutrient Management (590), Herbaceous Weed Control (315) and Integrated Pest Management (595) Standards and Specifications. This includes providing the NRCS with soil test results, pesticide application records/anticipated pesticide applications, if needed.
- ___ Apply nutrients based on NRCS nutrient management plant recommendations. Over or under application of nutrients may be considered a contract violation.
- ___ Provide NRCS with all documentation associated with practice implementation.

****Payment will be made upon completion of the planting operation, the initial nutrient application (if required), and presentation of all associated documentation including Seed Tags.**

I understand the requirements of the practice, and my questions concerning the practice have been answered. I further understand that a failure to adhere to the above requirements may jeopardize any and all payments.

Participant Signature

Date

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