

**Practice: 381 - Silvopasture**

**Scenario: #2 - Commercial thinning and establishment of introduced grasses.**

**Scenario Description:**

Commercial thinning of an existing stand of trees followed by establishment of introduced grasses.

**Before Situation:**

10-acre pine plantation that is overstocked, with a basal area of 100 sq. ft. per acre. There is very little available forage for livestock, due to the dense shade of the tree canopy. Resource Concerns include Degraded Plant Condition - Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health, Inadequate Structure and Composition, Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation; Livestock Production Limitation - Inadequate Feed and Forage, and Inadequate Livestock Shelter.

**After Situation:**

The stand is thinned commercially to a basal area of 50 sq. ft. per acre, which will allow adequate sunlight to the forest floor for grass production, yet still provide shade and some protection from the elements for livestock and wildlife. Since thinning is done commercially, no harvesting costs are incurred. The soil is prepared for planting using chemical and mechanical means, then a mix of cool-season grasses and legumes will be established, providing forage to livestock and wildlife. All Resource Concerns listed above are addressed.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Acres of silvopasture established

**Scenario Unit:** Acre

**Scenario Typical Size:** 10

**Scenario Cost:** \$1,946.90

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$194.69

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Materials</b>						
Untreated Conventional Seed, Three plus Species Mix, Warm Season Perennial Grass	2344	Untreated conventional wWarm season perennial grass mix. May contain seed that are not available as certified organic. Includes material and shipping only.	Acre	\$282.89	5	\$1,414.45
Tree Marking Paint	313	Trees to be cut through tree marking are physically identified through the application of paint on the tree. Typically one quart of paint is used to mark one acre of trees. Includes materials and shipping only.	Acre	\$6.43	10	\$64.30
Herbicide, Glyphosate	334	A broad-spectrum, non-selective systemic herbicide. Refer to WIN-PST for product names and active ingredients. Includes materials and shipping only.	Acre	\$15.63	5	\$78.15
Phosphorus, P2O5	73	Price per pound of P2O5 supplied by Superphosphate. Price is not per pound of total product applied, no conversion is needed.	Pound	\$0.78	500	\$390.00

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**Scenario: #3 - Tree Establishment**

**Scenario Description:**

Establishment of trees into an existing pasture that contains adequate native or introduced forage.

**Before Situation:**

10-acre pasture with suitable forage for livestock. There is very little protection from the elements (sun, wind, etc.) available to the livestock. Additionally, there are no long-term wood products being produced. Resource Concerns include Degraded Plant Condition - Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health, Inadequate Structure and Composition, Livestock Production Limitation - Inadequate Livestock Shelter.

**After Situation:**

The site will be prepared using Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490), if needed, and then 200 pine trees per acre will be planted, providing shade and wind protection to livestock and wildlife, and, in time, producing a viable wood products crop. Per the conservation practice standard, livestock grazing will be deferred until the trees reach adequate height to resist damage, or use exclusion measures are established. All Resource Concerns listed above are addressed.

**Scenario Feature Measure:**

**Scenario Unit:** Acre

**Scenario Typical Size:** 10

**Scenario Cost:** \$1,033.26

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$103.33

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Equipment/Installation</b>						
Mechanical tree planter	1600	Mechanical tree planter. Requires a pulling unit of either tractor or small dozer depending upon site conditions. Does not include labor.	Hour	\$6.60	8	\$52.80
Tractor, agricultural, 60 HP	963	Agricultural tractor with horsepower range of 50 to 90. Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	\$22.91	8	\$183.28
<b>Foregone Income</b>						
FI, Grazing AUMs	2079	Grazing is the Primary Land Use	AUM	\$15.43	4	\$61.72
<b>Labor</b>						
Equipment Operators, Light	232	Includes: Skid Steer Loaders, Hydraulic Excavators <50 HP, Trenchers <12", Ag Equipment <150 HP, Pickup Trucks, Forklifts, Mulchers	Hour	\$19.68	8	\$157.44
General Labor	231	Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.	Hour	\$18.75	8	\$150.00
<b>Materials</b>						
Tree, conifer, seedling, bare root, 1-1	1513	Bare root conifer trees, 1-1 (2 years old). Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$0.13	2000	\$260.00
<b>Mobilization</b>						
Mobilization, small equipment	1138	Equipment <70 HP but can't be transported by a pick-up truck or with typical weights between 3,500 to 14,000 pounds.	Each	\$168.02	1	\$168.02