

STATEMENT OF WORK
Forage Harvest Management (511)
Illinois

These deliverables apply to this individual practice. For other planned practice deliverables refer to those specific Practice Statements of Work

DESIGN

Deliverables:

1. Documents (job/specification sheets) that demonstrate criteria in practice standard have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices.
 - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan.
 - b. List of facilitating practices if needed (i.e. Forage and Biomass Planting)
 - c. Practice standard criteria-related inventories and analyses to develop forage management specifications including but not limited to:
 - i. Description of stage of maturity when forage will be harvested
 - ii. Moisture content at harvest
 - iii. Length of cut when harvested for ensilage
 - iv. Stubble height
2. Written plans and specifications including sketches and drawings shall be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice.
3. Specifications provided to the client that adequately describe the requirements to apply the practice.
4. Identify fields where practice is to be applied on a farm or ranch plan map.
5. Operation and maintenance plan.
6. Certification that the forage management specifications meet practice standard criteria.
7. Modifications made during installation as required.

INSTALLATION

Deliverables

1. Pre-application conference with client
2. Application advice
3. Facilitate and implement required modifications with client and original designer
4. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during implementation
5. Certification that the application process meets the forage management specifications.

CHECK OUT

Deliverables

1. Records of application
 - a. Extent of practice units applied
 - b. Documentation of stubble height for perennial forage
2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications.
3. Progress reporting.
4. Exit conference with client and contractor.

REFERENCES

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard – Forage Harvest Management – 511 http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx?map=
- Illinois Agronomy Handbook <http://extension.cropsci.illinois.edu/handbook/>
- Grazing in Illinois Manual <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/il/technical/>
- Minimizing Losses in Hay Storage and Feeding <http://www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/A/ANR-1356/ANR-1356.pdf>
- Purdue Extension Forage Field Guide. ID-317. Rev 6/10. <https://ag.purdue.edu/agry/dtc/Pages/ForageFieldGuide.aspx>