

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN
FOR
FORAGE AND BIOMASS PLANTING (512)**

Landowner/user:

Date:

Address:

A properly operated and maintained **Forage and Biomass Planting Practice** is an asset to your farm operation and your agricultural land. Implementation of Forage and Biomass Planting will help you to achieve and maintain desired resource conditions by supporting one or more of the following purposes:

- Improve or maintain livestock nutrition and/or health.
- Provide or increase forage supply during periods of low forage production.
- Reduce soil erosion.
- Improve soil and water quality.
- Produce feedstock for biofuel or energy production

This practice will require you to perform periodic operation and maintenance to maintain satisfactory performance. The following are some requirements of the operation and maintenance program.

Operation and Maintenance

Lifespan 5 Years

- Inspect and calibrate equipment prior to use. Continually monitor during planting to insure proper rate, distribution and depth of planting material is maintained.
- Monitor new plantings for water stress. Depending on the severity of drought, water stress may require reducing weeds, early harvest of any companion crops, irrigating when possible, or replanting failed stands.

Specific Additional Requirements for Your Practice: