

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

2012 EQIP Signup

Minnesota Supplement for:
Practice Standard 512 – Forage and Biomass Planting

Supplemental Criteria

1. Eligible plantings will be based on both:
 - a) An approved seeding plan and,
 - b) A detailed Forage Harvest Management or Prescribed Grazing plan.
2. Payments are limited to land being converted from annual crop production to permanent pasture or permanent hayland or to improve existing pasture.
3. Payment includes seedbed preparation, seed, seeding, soil amendments and weed control as appropriate based on an approved seeding plan.
4. Payment is allowed for interseeding only to add a legume component to the pasture, to increase the number of grass species only if the pasture currently has 3 or fewer species of grass in the mix, or the pasture has greater than 35% bare ground.
5. Practice implementation must result in an environmental benefit.
6. Payment is not authorized for planting hay in crop rotation.
7. Payment is not authorized for clearing rocks or obstructions from the area to be seeded
8. Payment is not authorized for converting lands with greater than 10% woody vegetation into pasture or hayland.
9. Payment is not authorized for both Forage and Biomass Planting and Conservation Crop Rotation on the same acreage.
10. **See General Provisions 4 & 5** regarding soil testing and liming.
11. Consult General Provision 16 for establishment weed control information.