

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

2012 EQIP Signup

Minnesota Supplement for:

Practice Standard 643 – Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats

Supplemental Criteria

1. A detailed plan is required, in accordance with the specifications outlined in the NRCS practice standard.
2. Establishment may consist of only one of the following options on the same acreage: 1) Tallgrass Prairie, 2) Tallgrass Prairie and Oak Savanna, or 3) Red/White Pine.
3. Payment rate for Tallgrass Prairie includes site preparation, seed, seeding, soil amendments and weed control as appropriate based on an approved plan.
4. Payment rate for Oak savanna and Red & White pine includes trees, planting, and establishment weed control of tree mats. **Tree mats must be installed to qualify for the payment.**
5. **Sites greater than 10 acres must use Tree/Shrub Establishment (612).**
6. For tree seedbed preparation see Forest Site Preparation (490).
7. Tree shelters are permitted with hardwood plantings only.
8. Prescribed Burning as a facilitating practice is an acceptable form of site preparation when it is considered to be the most ecological and economical option.
9. Tree removal – Light to Moderate is the removal of scattered encroaching trees/brush
10. Tree removal – Heavy is the removal of existing established woodlots, shelterbelts, and windbreaks.
11. Consult General Provision 16 for establishment weed control information.