

# Environmental Quality Incentives Program

## 2012 EQIP Signup

Minnesota Supplement for:  
Practice Standard 612 – Tree/Shrub Establishment

### Supplemental Criteria - General

1. Payment rate includes cost of seedlings, planting, and establishment weed control.
2. Consult General Provision 16 for establishment weed control information.
3. The following species of trees may be approved providing they are adapted to the soil, climatic and moisture conditions, and the site: White spruce, black spruce, red pine, jack pine, white pine, sugar maple, soft maple, basswood, green ash, white ash, cottonwood, red oak, black cherry, black walnut, and white oak. Other species may be approved if recommended by the technician.
4. Solid timber plantings should not be more than 1000 or less than 400 trees per acre.
5. Weed Control for establishment will be accomplished within 12 months from planting.
6. For site preparation, use Forest Site Preparation (490) as a facilitating practice, except for Direct Seeding. Direct Seeding payment includes site preparation, seed, and seeding.
7. Tree shelters are permitted with hardwood plantings only – 48” minimum installed.
8. Animal repellent or bud caps as needed for tree establishment.
  - Animal repellent is authorized up to 2 applications per year for the first 48 months. The only authorized repellents are Deer Away Big Game Repellent Powder and Plantskydd. Other sprays must be authorized by the state office prior to use.
  - Bud caps are authorized for annual installation for the first 48 months.

### **Wildlife Criteria**

1. Cost share assistance is only available for establishing and restoring **mixed native hardwood and conifer species in historically forested landscapes**. The exception being winter cover block plantings which are allowable statewide.
2. Solid wildlife plantings shall not be more than 550, or less than 300 stems per acre.