

Pasture Renovation

Definition/Purpose

A Pasture Renovation Practice means to establish and maintain a conservation cover of grass, where the existing pasture vegetation is inadequate. Benefits may include reduced soil erosion, sedimentation and pollution from dissolved and sediment-attached substances.

Policies

1. This practice must not be used to convert idle farmland to pastures, and it does not apply to hayland that is not normally grazed.
2. The cooperators must manage fertility, stocking rates, and stop/start grazing heights (shown in the Target Grazing Height table); to minimize the potential for cost shared fields to be overgrazed and to ensure that a good stand is maintained.
3. Grazing animals shall be excluded from renovated pastures until forage reaches desired start grazing height as shown in the Target Grazing Height table.

Species	Growth Periods	Target Grazing Height -----inches-----	
		to start	to stop
Bermudagrass: Common, hybrid & seeded varieties	Apr-Sep	4-6	2-3
	Frosted	3+	2-3
Bluegrass, Kentucky with White Clover	Mar-May	4-6	2-3
	Jun-Aug	6-8	2-4
	Sep-Oct	6-8	2-3
	Nov-Feb	4-6	2-3
Fescue or Orchardgrass with/without Ladino Clover	Feb-Mar	4-6	2-3
	Apr-Jun	6-8	2-3
	Jul-Aug	6-8	3-4
	Sep-Oct	6-8	2-3
Red Clover and mixtures with cool-season grasses	Apr-May	6" to bud	3-4
	Jun-Sep	10" to bud	3-4
	Nov-Dec	Frosted	2-3
Switchgrass, Indiangrass, Big Bluestem	Apr-Jun	14-18	5-7
	Jul-Aug	18-22	5-7
	Sep-Oct	16-20	8-12

4. BMP soil, nitrogen and phosphorus impacts are required on the contract.
5. Minimum life of BMP is ten (10) years.
6. All NC Agriculture Cost Share Program policies relative to vegetation seeding rates and times are to be followed.

Agriculture Cost Share Program

7. When determining the acreage for which payments can be made for this practice, only the acreage actually planted shall be considered. The area occupied by farm roads, best management practices, ditches, structures, etc. shall not be included in planted acreage.
8. This practice shall be based on actual costs with a cap which is listed on the NCACSP average cost list.

Standards

NRCS Technical Guide, Section IV, Standard #512 (Forage and Biomass Planting).