

Drought Pasture Renovation
(Temporary Practice for FY2018)

Definition/Purpose

A Pasture Renovation Practice means to establish and maintain a conservation cover of grass, where drought has caused damage to pasture vegetation. Benefits may include reduced soil erosion, sedimentation and pollution from dissolved and sediment-attached substances. (DIP)

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 10 years.
6. All NC Agriculture Cost Share Program policies relative to vegetation seeding rates and times are to be followed.

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 of \$225/acre charge to ACSP (up to \$270/acre if applicant qualifies as a beginning/limited resource farmer or is in an Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural District).

Standard: NRCS Technical Guide, Section IV, Standard #512 (Pasture and Hay Planting).