

# AG. WATER QUALITY ACT



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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

FUNDING ASSISTANCE

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

## PASTURE & HAYLAND PLANTING & MANAGEMENT

### CROPS BMP #9



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**Description:**

The establishment, re-establishment, and maintenance of adapted grasses and/or legumes for long-term pasture or hayland uses.

**AWQA Minimum Requirements:**

Establish and maintain vigorous plant growth over as long a period as possible to reduce water loss and to protect the soil.

**Recommendations:**

Consider the use of temporary control of surface runoff until grasses and legumes are established.

**Technical References**

University Publications

- [AGR-1 Lime and Nutrient Recommendations](#)
- [AGR-191 Using a Grazing Stick for Pasture Management](#)

USDA/NRCS Publications

- [Practice Code 512 Forage and Biomass Planting](#)

**Funding Assistance Options**

State Cost Share

- See your local Conservation District to [apply](#).

Kentucky Ag. Development Fund (KADB/KAFC)

- Select from available program options [here](#).

NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

- Select from available program options [here](#).

**Important Considerations**

Water Quality Benefit (☹-☹☹☹☹):  
(KEY: ☹=good, ☹☹☹☹=best: see [STEPL Model](#))

Wildlife Benefits

- Contact the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife's [Habitat Improvement Program](#) on how to improve wildlife habitat with select BMPs (1-800-858-1549).