PASTURE & HAYLAND PLANTING & MANAGEMENT

CROPS BMP #9

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.

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).

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/KAPC)
- Select from available program options here.

NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- Select from available program options here.