



NATIVE PRAIRIEGRASS MIXTURE

Description: Native Prairiegrass Mixture is made up of the 5 native warm season grasses and 3 native cool season grasses that inhabited our area when originally settled by the early pioneers. This mixture provides an excellent seeding combination for all types of areas and soil types. Native Prairiegrass Mixture provides food and shelter for wildlife, controls surface erosion and chokes out weeds. This mixture requires 2-3 years for full maturity. Once established it is relatively low maintenance and drought tolerant due to extensive and deep root systems/ Mature height of 11 species range from 3 to 7 feet.

Main Uses:

Conservation Areas, Perimeter Areas, Acerages, Parks

Seeding Rate:

Drill Seeded- 25 LBS PER ACRE
Broadcast Seeded- 37.50 LBS PER ACRE

Seeding Dates:

March-June
November-February (dormant seeding)

Days to Germination:

4-28 Days as a Mixture

Scientific Name	Common Name	% of Mix
<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	Big Bluestem	15%
<i>Avena sativa</i>	Seed Oats	50%
<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	Sideoats Grama	3%
<i>Elymus virginicus</i>	Virginia Wildrye	3%
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switchgrass	3%
<i>Pascopyrum smithii</i>	Western Wheatgrass	6%
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem	12%
<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Indiangrass	8%



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General Seeding Guidelines

I. SEEDING DATES

April 15 to June 15

August 10 to October 15

November 15 to February 15 (Dormant Seeding)

II. SITE PREPARATION FOR BAREGROUND SEEDING

- i. Conduct a soil test, per acre, to determine any needed soil amendments
- ii. Check soil PH. Ideal PH is between 6.0 and 7.0
- iii. Eliminate existing vegetation
- iv. Spray with a non-selective herbicide
- v. Remove any dead vegetation
- vi. Add soil amendments. Adjust PH.
- vii. Till soil to a 4-6 inch depth
- viii. Remove any large debris
- ix. Pulverize and lightly roll soil
- x. Apply 1 lb of Phosphorous (P) (2.27 lbs P2O5) / 1000 ft² to soil surface

III. SITE PREPARATION FOR INTERSEEDING/OVERSEEDING

- i. Conduct one soil test, per acre, to determine any need soil amendments
- ii. Check soil PH. Ideal PH is between 6.0 and 7.0
- iii. Remove any debris that may inhibit seeding
- iv. Mow area to be seeded if existing vegetation is higher than 3-4 inches

IV. SEEDING METHODS

Seeding Method is base on the slope and soil at site. Use broadcast, drop, slit or drill seeding methods where erosion is not a concern.

- i. Seed should be planted .125 to .25 inches below soil surface
- ii. Plant two directions putting 1/2 of seed down each direction
- iii. Gently roll or rake seeded area to ensure good soil to seed contact
- iii. If inter-seeding into existing vegetation use a slicer/inter-seeder that cuts into existing vegetation and places the seed into the soil at an optimum depth of 1/4 to 1/2 inch and achieves good soil to seed contact
- iv. If broadcast seeding into existing vegetation drag a harrow or chain link fence over seeded area to ensure seed to soil contact.

Hydro seed steep slopes or areas where erosion is a concern..

- i. Broadcast 1/2 of the seed before hydro-seed mixture is applied
- ii. Place the other 1/2 in the hydro seed mixture

V. WATERING REQUIREMENTS

- i. Water to field capacity immediately after seeding
- ii. The first three weeks after seeding keep top 1.t inches of soil moist
- iii. Weeks four through six after seeding water 3-4 times per week
- iv. After six weeks water when grass begins to show drought stress

VI. FERTILIZATION AND MOWING

- i. Fertilize seeded area once for the first two months with .5 lbs of N / 1000ft² after seeding
- ii. Mow when the grass is one inch longer than desired height. Do not remove more than 1/3 of grass blade.