

Seed Cost-Share Program

The Native Grass and Pollinator Seed cost share program is offered through support from the Johnson County Stormwater Management Program. Funds are available on a first-come first-serve basis. You must be a resident of Johnson County and the seed must be planted on your property in Johnson County.

All interested parties must fill out a project application with K-State Research and Extension's Johnson County office. If your project is approved, you will be contacted with instructions on how to obtain your seed and make payment. A no-till drill may be available to rent for your seeding project and we can assist you with scheduling.

One component of the project application is having a recent soil test. Residents of Johnson County are eligible for a free soil test through the support of the Stormwater Management Program; contact the Extension Office with questions.

How to Apply

The first step is to complete the project application and send it to the Johnson County K-State Research and Extension Agriculture Agent. Once your application is approved, you will be able to pick up the seed from our local seed source and will pay your portion of the order.

The application can be downloaded at:
<https://bit.ly/seedcostshare>

If you have any questions about this program, contact the extension office at:

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SEED MIXES AVAILABLE

WHY PLANT NATIVE GRASSES?

NATIVE GRASS SEED

Grass seed mix supports wildlife habitat or grazing for livestock.

Includes Big Bluestem, Little Bluestem, Switchgrass, Indiangrass, Sideoats grama, and a small percentage of native forbs.

With 50% cost share, the native grass seed mix costs \$9.25/lb. Recommended seeding rate is 8 lbs PLS/acre.

Total acre seeding cost is about \$74.

Recommended planting time is from April through mid-May.



Native, warm season grasses (NWSGs) provide forage for grazing, biomass for hay, and conservation cover. NWSGs are capable of producing more biomass with less nutrient and water input than cool season grasses. NWSGs protect streams and lakes by reducing erosion and sequestering nutrients in run-off from other adjacent agricultural practices. Mix in some wildflowers, and the NWSG stand becomes an ideal habitat for butterflies, bees, and other beneficial pollinators.

For livestock owners, NWSGs can provide actively growing forage during June-August after cool season grasses go dormant. Moving cattle and other grazers onto NWSG stands can allow cool season grasses to rest before going into fall production.

Successful planting and maintenance considerations:

- Start prepping your land the fall before spring planting.
- Prepping may include killing cool season grasses and weeds with a glyphosate treatment in the fall, and reapplying a treatment the following spring.
- Burning or mowing native grasses every three years is recommended.

Establishing a stand of NWSG and/or pollinator habitat can benefit the environment, people, wildlife and livestock while bringing back a little bit of the great North American prairie to Johnson County.

POLLINATOR MIX

Mix of about 20 native wildflowers and legumes designed to support pollinator habitat for butterflies, bees and birds. This mix can be seeded alone or with other native grasses.

With 50% cost share, the pollinator seed mix costs \$32.50/lb PLS. A pound will cover about 20,000 square feet. For larger areas, 2 PLS/acre is recommended.

Total acre seeding cost is about \$65

Recommended planting time is from April through mid-May

