

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



## Tennessee Job Sheet Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) CP10 – Grass Already Established

### General Provisions

In General Signup 33, program applicants must select the desired practice from a list of available practices. The type of cover to be established earns points in a method or ranking called the Environmental Benefit Index (EBI). The CP10 practice is used to identify land:

- a. under CRP-1, i.e. expiring CRP contracts that have a grass cover already established, or
- b. that is new enrollment land that meets program requirements for cropping and ownership but with an acceptable grass cover already established.

The following are point categories in the EBI for ranking offers that the applicant determines:

- 10 points – N1a-Solid stand of 1 to 3 species of introduced grasses (e.g. fescue, bermudagrass, orchardgrass).
- 40 points – N1a-Solid stand of 1 to 3 species of native grasses (e.g. big bluestem, little bluestem, switchgrass, Indiangrass).
- 50 points – N1a- Mixed stand (minimum of 5 species) of at least 3 native grasses and at least 1 shrub, forb, or legume species best suited to wildlife in the area.
- 20 points in N1b for conversion of 51% or more of a monoculture stand of grass to a mixture native grass or woody species beneficial to wildlife. No cost share is authorized.
- 5 points in N1b for the establishment of food plots, unless 20 points were awarded for the conversion of the monoculture grasses (N1b score in EBI cannot exceed 20 points).

### SPECIFICATIONS

The specifications for this practice consist of the necessary management treatments to maintain the practice and will be specified in the CRP conservation plan as part of the contract.

1. Weed control will normally consist of rotational clipping, chemical weed control, etc. outside of the primary nesting season of April 15 – July 1.
2. Contract management activity may be required as determined by County Committee. At least one management practice in the mid-contract period will be required to be performed. Options include strip disking, strip herbiciding, legume interseeding, or prescribed burning.