

ENHANCEMENT: Establish and maintain 30% of the operation's forage in warm season grasses, of which at least half are native species, in order to optimize plant utilization, improve plant and animal health, and enhance biodiversity. Applicable in Piedmont counties.

BENEFITS

(SHORT DESCRIPTION OF ENHANCEMENT BENEFITS)

- By increasing diversity with desirable warm season forages. Plant and animal health will improve, and the overall farming operation.

CRITERIA

To be eligible for this enhancement payment, fields must meet the following criteria.

- 30% of operations forage shall be a war season grass, of which 15% must be native plant species.

RECORDKEEPING

In order to verify performance with these criteria, you must complete the following records.

- Fields shall be maintained for the life of the contract.
- Field visits/spot checks will be conducted to verify that this composition is being maintained.