



Program Benefits

There are few contractors with the experience and expertise to provide Native Warm Season Grass (NWGS) establishment and follow-up services for landowners. Currently, landowners wanting to establish NWGS must do the planting, site prep, and maintenance themselves. This approach leads to unnecessary stand failures and discouraged land managers who do not become the advocates needed to promote NWGS establishment.

Beginning with seed procurement, site preparation, planting, and recommendations for stand management, the AGRI Landowner Assistance Program is designed to eliminate the barriers of native plant habitat establishment.

To get started, simply go online and fill out an application for assistance

www.acadianarcd.com

or call 337-781-6525

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Acadiana RC&D Council, Inc.



The **Acadiana RC&D Council** is a non-profit organization that addresses the social, environmental and economical concerns of south central Louisiana.



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Acadiana Grassland Restoration Initiative

Grasslands are among the most imperiled systems in Louisiana. Conversion of grasslands to cropland, introduction of non-native pasture grasses, and widespread use of non-selective herbicides has caused serious damage to this important system. Native pastures, uncultivated areas, field borders, fence rows, and ditch banks were among the areas that provided grassland habitat in the agricultural landscape.

In addition to providing habitat for grassland birds, establishment of diverse grasslands will reduce erosion, sedimentation, and nutrient runoff into surface waters. and could reduce maintenance of edge-of-field roads and in-field levees.

The Acadiana RC&D Council and Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have developed a project to address the challenges of establishing Native Grass Systems (NGS) and native forbs on and around working farmlands.



Fee Schedule

For each case a site visit must be made for technical advice, and this service is provided free of charge. Other custom site preparation services available - subject to site conditions and contractor costs. Prices subject to change.

We offer several site preparation options:

Bush hogging:	\$16.00 / acre
Disking	\$12.00 / acre
No-till Planting	\$15.00 / acre
Harrowing	\$ 7.00 / acre

Chemical Site Prep Application:	\$10.00 / acre + chemical costs
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You may provide your own seed or we procure it for you at current market value.

Please note:
Only native plant species will be considered for this project



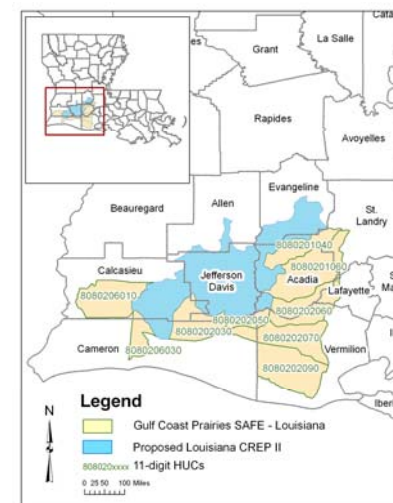
Service Fees

Service fees based on time allocation for labor, daily travel, and equipment delivery and pick up

Operator:	\$14/ hr.
Truck:	\$18/ hr.
Tractor:	\$14/ hr.
Truck + trailer:	\$25/ hr.



Fees will be estimated and must be pre-paid. Remainder / difference will be due within 20 days of project completion.



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