



Native plants are well-adapted to variable climatic conditions, require minimal inputs and are resilient to grazing. The purpose of this BMP is to establish native perennial forage cover to provide wildlife habitat and sequester carbon.

### **FUNDING LEVEL**

**90 per cent of eligible costs to a maximum of \$10,000.**

- Maximum eligible payment for establishment costs is set at \$31.50 per acre (based on a flat rate establishment cost of \$35 per acre).
- Maximum eligible payment for certified seed is 90 per cent of \$200 per acre or \$180 per acre.

### **APPLICATION TYPE**

**Pre-approval is necessary to qualify for this BMP.**

- Application deadline for pre-approval is Aug. 31, 2022. Claims must be received by Dec. 31, 2022.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Primary producers who can demonstrate a minimum of \$50,000 of gross farm income in Saskatchewan;
- First Nations in the Province of Saskatchewan;
- Producers who own, lease or rent property where livestock and poultry are grown, bred, kept, raised, displayed, assembled or disposed of require a Saskatchewan Premises Identification (PID) number;
- Forage blend must be approved by a Ministry of Agriculture Agri-Environmental Specialist;
- Seed purchased must be Common #1 or Certified #1 seed, as confirmed by seed tag; and
- On wild harvested seed, a germination test and purity analysis is required from a certified lab to show seed cleanliness and to prove absence of prohibited and noxious weeds.

### **PROJECT COSTS**

#### **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS:**

- All invoices for eligible expenses must be dated April 1, 2018, or later; and
- Seed costs and establishment of native perennial forages.

#### **INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS:**

- Commercial reclamation projects;
- Breaking and reseeding of existing native forages;
- Costs for planting cover or companion crops;
- Seed containing noxious or prohibited weeds as listed in *The Weed Control Act*;
- Fertilizer; and
- Seed purchased prior to April 1, 2018, or 18 months from the claim date.