



ALONSA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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FORAGE SEED ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FORM

Name of applicant; _____

Address; _____ Phone #: _____

Legal description of **Home**; Quarter _____ (Sec.) _____ (Twp.) _____ (Rge.) _____

Legal description of **Project**; Quarter _____ (Sec.) _____ (Twp.) _____ (Rge.) _____

R.M. of _____ Sub-District# _____

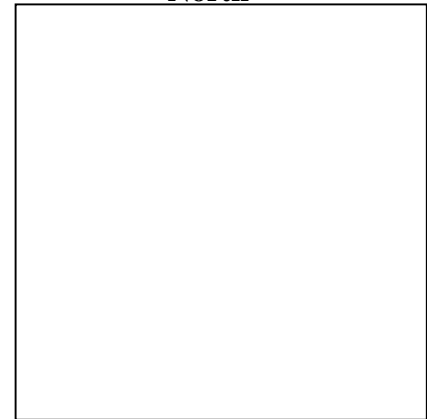
No. of acres applying for: _____ (max. 50 acres)

Reasons for applying to Forage Seed Assistance Program (select all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase hay/pasture acres | <input type="checkbox"/> Erosion control of land (identify below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marginal land conversion | <input type="checkbox"/> Alongside creek/waterways |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forage establishment in low-lying wet areas | <input type="checkbox"/> On light windblown soil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial incentive/cost-saving | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ |

Project Diagram: (area represents one ¼ section). Show the proposed area of forage establishment and any landmarks, yard sites, roads, streams, treed areas, etc.

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Important Program Information:

The Forage Seed Assistance Program is a **rebate** program. Landowners should apply to the program before purchasing their seed. First 40 applications will be approved on a first come – first serve basis. Applications will only be approved for Forage Seed purchased and seeded in the same year. Eligible **landowners will be responsible for ordering and picking up their own seed.** Once seeded, landowner will bring in their paid

receipt(s) for forage seed to the Alonsa Conservation District office for payment. A payment of \$15.00 per acre (at the discretion of the board) to a maximum of \$750.00 (50 acres) will be the rebate paid to a landowner.

Please read all terms, conditions and responsibilities listed on the reverse side of this application form.

I hereby declare that I have read and understand the terms and conditions of the Forage Seed Assistance Program, and hereby agree to abide by the said terms and conditions if my application is accepted.

 Signature of Landowner:

Date: _____

Forage Seed Assistance Application Program Criteria

Objective: To assist land owners in protecting marginal or erosion-prone areas by way of establishing a permanent forage cover. The program will ultimately enhance agricultural productivity and encourage efficient land management.

Eligibility and Conditions:

1. Project land must be within the Alonsa Conservation District Boundaries.
2. Landowners must apply before they purchase seed, deadline being ***May 31st***. **Land owner may reapply for additional funding if funding is still available after deadline.**
3. Application must be made in the name of the registered owner. **Note:** Only one application per landowner (and per farm) will be accepted. Jointly owned properties will be considered an application by both registered owners.
4. Crown land projects are eligible if the lease holder is eligible.
5. Landowners must be in good financial standing with the Alonsa Conservation District.
6. Applicants are eligible to receive assistance every year.
7. Payment of \$15.00 per acre to a maximum of 50 acres per eligible land owner.
8. Applications will be accepted at the Alonsa Conservation District office by mail, fax, or email.

The Land Owner Shall:

1. Provide all receipts by September 30th in order to receive assistance.
2. Be responsible for the purchase of their seed supplies.
3. Sow seed on the land specifies in the application in the year of delivery, or report the circumstances to the ACD Board.
4. Do not sell, trade, or exchange seed received under the program.
5. Do not destroy during year of establishment without the consent of the ACD Board.
6. Keep the forage in production for a minimum of 4 years, or replace at 100% ACD cost and/or forfeit future participation.
7. Provide access for inspection or evaluation by the Board and/or ACD staff at any reasonable time.
8. Failure of landowner to meet Landowner Responsibilities may negate him/her from other Conservation District Programs.

The Conservation District Shall:

1. Not be held responsible for seed germination and or quality of the forage stand.
2. Reserve the right to reasonable access to project areas for tours or to inspect the condition of forage stands.
3. Will adjust reimbursement if landowner does not purchase the recommended rate of seed to establish the amount of acres applied for.
4. Retain the option to erect signage promoting the Forage Seed/Seed Production Assistance Program.



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FORAGE SEED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (please keep this page for your information)

Program Definition: The Alonsa Conservation District (ACD) will pay a portion of the seed costs for forages sown on erosion-prone, previously flooded or marginal land. The landowners are responsible for purchasing the seed. The varieties of seed will also be determined by the landowner. The ACD will provide funding for certified seed only.

Program Objectives:

- To control soil erosion on light textured and agriculturally marginal soils
- To protect and profit from saline soils
- To boost organic matter levels through incorporating vegetation into the soil.
- To ultimately enhance agricultural productivity and encourage efficient land management.

Eligibility:

- One application per farm (jointly owned quarters count as one application for either tenant);
- Crown Land must be made out in Leasee's name
- Late applications will not be accepted. Due date is **May 31st at 4:00 pm**. **Land owner may reapply for additional funding if funding is still available after deadline.**
- Only applications that are approved will receive program funding rebate. First come, first served.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Applicant Responsibilities:

- Submit properly filled out application *before* purchasing forage seed to the ACD office by **May 31st** of each year the program is offered;
- Submit original purchased receipts to the ACD office before **September 30th** of the year in which the application was approved in order to receive reimbursement payment;
- Shall keep forage in production for 4 years after establishment;
- Shall not cause damage to the forage stand for a minimum of four years;
- Replace at 100% cost if damage is result of any of the above; Do not sell, trade, or exchange seed.
- Provide access for inspection, district signage or evaluation by the Board at any reasonable time

ACD Responsibility:

- Provide reimbursement at \$15.00 per acre (at the discretion of the board) to a max. of \$750 (50 acres) paid to a landowner. ACD is not responsible for seed germination and or quality of the forage seed.
- Return original receipt to the landowner after a copy is taken by the ACD.
- Will adjust reimbursement if landowner does not purchase the recommended rate of seed to establish the amount of acres applied for.

General Terms and Conditions

- Subject to the above terms, the Agreement shall become effective and shall be binding upon both parties until terminated;
- If either party fails to meet the above mentioned responsibilities, the Agreement may be terminated by the other party via written notice;
- Technical service will be subject to the availability of district staff. The District reserves the right to establish priorities for providing such services and assistance; and
- Failure of applicant to meet Applicant Responsibilities may negate him from other Conservation District programs

Project Funding/Cost-sharing Incentives

Cost sharing between the ACD and the approved applicant shall be defined as a \$15.00 per acre (at the discretion of the board) reimbursement to a maximum of 500 pound (50 acres) to the approved applicant once stand establishment is verified and original receipts are provided to the ACD.