

Equipment and Methods for Establishing and Maintaining Diverse Native Forb Habitat: Extending the Planting Season and Targeting Maintenance

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Native grassland seeding diversity has increased as more species become readily available to land managers. Increased diversity increases the nesting, brood and rearing habitat for birds, and the overall attractiveness of native grasslands. As resource professionals add structure and diversity to seedings, additional challenges appear. The equipment available to plant and maintain quality native grasslands is effective and available. The diversity of the prairie planting can help solve some maintenance problems.