

**GRASSLAND RESERVE PROGRAM (GRP)
FY 2004 COST LIST - MASSACHUSETTS**

Under a restoration agreement, NRCS will provide cost-share assistance for any eligible practice or component that restores the functions and values of the grassland or shrubland. The following list of practice components and associated cost-share and flat rates have been authorized under GRP in Massachusetts. Please note that maintenance practices will NOT be cost shared under this program.

If a situation presents the need to consider other practices/components, the State Conservationist may authorize them.

PRACTICE/COMPONENT	COST-SHARE RATE <u>1/</u>
Restoration of grassland (includes mowing, brush hogging, heavy chipping or prescribed burning)	Mowing = \$65/ac. Brush Hogging = \$85/ac. Heavy chipping = 75% of actual cost NTE \$1500/ac. Prescribed burning = 75% of actual cost NTE \$500/ac.
Restoration of shrubland (includes selective control/removal of tall growing woody species and selective pruning of tall growing desirable shrubs)	Selective cutting or girdling followed by selective pruning = \$150/ac. Selective basal management w/ herbicide followed by selective pruning= \$150/ac.
Seeding Native Warm Season Grasses (includes seedbed prep and soil amendment if necessary)	\$600/ac.
Seeding Cool Season Bunch Grasses (includes seedbed prep and soil amendment if necessary)	\$300/ac.
Soil Amendment (liming and fertilizing)	75% of actual cost NTE \$100/ac.
Control of Invasive Plants <u>2/</u>	Mechanical Control with Subsequent Chemical Control: > 50% density = 75% of actual cost NTE \$400/acre. < 50 % density = 75% of actual cost NTE \$300/acre. Misc. Control Strategies = rate will be agreed upon with S.O.

1/ Cost share rate shown is flat rate unless otherwise specified.

2/ Invasive plant control is intended to treat sites that are in the initial stages of invasion where success of control is highly likely only.