

(314) Brush Management / (315) Herbaceous Weed Control

FY 2017 Environmental Quality Incentives Program Requirement Sheet

For wildlife, a site- and species-specific wildlife habitat management plan is preferred for all EQIP applications. If no such plan has been approved by the NRCS area biologist or NRCS partner biologist, the conservation planners must follow this requirement sheet to address limiting habitat factors identified in the TN NRCS Wildlife Habitat Appraisal Guide (WHAG).

Eligible lands: Private agricultural land and private nonindustrial forestland. The practice purpose is to eliminate or control the spread of noxious and/or invasive plant species found in the state to restore and maintain native wildlife habitats.

EQIP Weed/Brush Control Practice Requirements:

1. Kudzu, Chinese privet, European privet, Bush Honeysuckle, Cogongrass, Tall Fescue, Bermudagrass, Johnsongrass, and others approved by NRCS area biologist or NRCS partner biologist are eligible to be chemically treated with financial assistance.
2. Treat target areas of infestation at a level of intensity sufficient to kill and control re-infestation for the life of the practice. Multiple and/or recurring herbicide applications, spot treatments, etc. may be necessary to accomplish this requirement.
3. Apply herbicides according to all label requirements.
4. Following initial treatment, livestock will be excluded for the contract period.
5. NRCS will not make chemical recommendations.
6. Both 314 and 315 Require NRCS area biologist approval.
7. 314 is not used for silvicultural purposes.

General guidelines for the chemical control of these species can be found at the following websites:

Privet (314 practice)

<http://www.se-eppc.org/manual/privet.html>

http://www.invasive.org/eastern/srs/CP_EP.html

Kudzu (315 practice)

http://www.clemson.edu/extension/natural_resources/forestry/veg_mgmt/kudzu_eradication.html

Cogongrass (315 practice)

http://www.forestry.state.al.us/PDFs/Cogongrass_Control_Recommendations_022709.pdf

Additional Resources:

Native Warm-Season Grasses: Identification, Establishment and Management for Wildlife and Forage Production in the Mid-South.

<http://utbfc.utk.edu/Content%20Folders/Forages/Forage%20Species/Publications/PB1752.pdf>

Nonnative invasive plants of southern forests: a field guide for identification and control:

http://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/gtr/gtr_srs062/gtr_srs062.pdf