



Perennial Pastures Fact Sheet

Aim

To maximise the amount of ground cover on sites prone to wind erosion through landscape revegetation with perennial pasture species.

Qualifying land

Land that is under annual pasture or cropping systems and is in a single, minimum 20 ha block.

A block may be split by a laneway not greater than 30m wide and still be eligible for this incentive, providing the area of the block (excluding the laneway) is a minimum of 20ha.

Site criteria

A minimum site area of 20ha and maximum site area of 80 ha.

Target area indicators

Sites must be prone to wind erosion and within the NACC wind erosion target area for perennial pastures, and meet the relevant site assessment criteria.

Note: Land managers may only apply for perennial pasture incentives once during the four year life of the NACC CFCO Wind Erosion Incentives Program.

Incentives available

Definitions

PERENNIAL PASTURES— Deep-rooted pasture plants (grasses and shrubs) that live for several years

WIND EROSION — The process by which soil is detached and transported from the land surface by the action of wind. Transport occurs by creep, saltation or in suspension.

WIND EROSION POTENTIAL — The natural vulnerability of a soil to wind erosion as further influenced by human activity.

SUSTAINABLE FARMING SYSTEM — A system with an ability to maintain productivity when subject to stress or shock.



Activities and Incentive Rates

Fencing: \$1,725/km for mesh fencing, \$1,150/km for plain wire fencing or \$575/km for electric fencing

Pasture establishment: \$85/ha for the establishment of perennial pastures; \$140/ha for the establishment of Tagasaste and perennial grasses at the same site. Tagasaste configuration to be single or double row with no more than a 15m inter-row for full incentive. Other configurations pro rata payment will be made.

Watering point: \$1,000/point – one point per 80ha. The site must be sub-divided for rotational grazing to be eligible for this incentive.

Industry membership: 12 months membership to Evergreen or \$110 towards a grower/industry group membership of your choice (if not received from NACC before)

Incentives for perennial pasture establishment are available up to a maximum of **\$10,600** per site.

Payment process

NACC's Local NRM Officer must inspect the pasture no less than 12 weeks after sowing to determine that it meets the establishment standard defined for the purposes of this incentive. If the pasture meets the standard for establishment, the incentive will be paid upon completion of the NACC-organised grazing management course (where required) and provision of an ISTA accredited seed analysis statement and proof of pest control (where required) by the land manager to NACC.

If the pasture does not meet the standard, a further assessment can be carried out in March and if necessary in May in the following year to ascertain if the pasture meets the required standard.

If the pasture does not meet the standard for establishment (at the end of 9 months), the incentive (including fencing and watering point components) will not be paid.



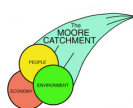
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What we will not fund

The establishment of perennial pastures on sites where perennial pastures (excluding *Tagasaste*, *Rhagodia* and saltbush) already exist. The inclusion of cover crops as part of this perennial pastures incentive is not permitted, except where the planting of one or two rows of cereals per combine width for wind erosion protection occurs.

Works standards

Fencing

Mesh fencing—using new materials with a minimum standard of 7/90/60 mesh, galvanised steel posts every 10m, and at least one gate for access OR 6/70/30 mesh with one plain wire on top (electrified optional), galvanised steel posts every 10m, and at least one gate for access.

Plain wire fencing - using new materials with a minimum standard of six plain wires, galvanised steel posts every 10m, and at least one gate for access.

Electric fencing—using at least two strands of plain wire, preferably ceramic insulators, galvanised steel posts every 10m, and at least one gate for access.

It is recommended that there is a strainer every 400-600m, where struts are used they are galvanised, and galvanised posts are Australian made.

Where fencing is undertaken as part of the management agreement, fencing must remain in place for the term of the agreement (10 years). Where internal electric fencing is established the configuration may be changed to assist rotational grazing.

Perennial pastures – grasses

Seed must be passed by WAQIS if imported from the Eastern States.

A seed analysis statement from an ISTA accredited lab must be provided to NACC by the farmer. These are available from the seed supplier. The analysis date must be less than 12 months old. Seed germination must be >30% and seed must be more than 6 months old in order to avoid germination issues.

Where perennial grasses and *Tagasaste* are planted in the same paddock, establishment incentives are based on single or double row of *Tagasaste* with no more than a 15m inter row. Pro-rata incentives will be applied for different planting configurations.

Perennial pastures – fodder shrubs (*Tagasaste* and *Rhagodia*)

Where *Rhagodia* is being planted, there is a 20 ha cap per grower. For *Rhagodia*, the following establishment densities apply: Seedlings - minimum 400 stems/ha and maximum 800 stems/ha.

Where *Tagasaste* is being planted, the maximum paddock size is 40 ha (ie if 80 ha is being sown, then the block must be divided into at least two paddocks of 40 ha).

For *Tagasaste* the following establishment densities apply for double row of *Tagasaste* with 10m inter row spacings: Seedlings – 500 stems/km or 833 stems/ha; Direct seeding – 500 g/ha.

Pest control

Where a perennial pasture site is within 800m of remnant vegetation 5ha or greater, then rabbit baiting around the site is compulsory. Where a perennial pasture site is next to heath roadside vegetation greater than 20m in width, then rabbit baiting around the site is compulsory. The cost of this activity will be borne by the land manager. Proof of baiting will be required prior to sign off.

Watering point

Incentives for a watering point are available only where paddocks are sub-divided for rotational grazing of the site. The watering point must be available to at least one paddock within the project site. Only one watering point per site can be paid for through the incentive process.

Grazing management training

Land managers accessing incentives for perennial pastures will be required to attend a NACC-organised grazing management workshop of no more than 2 days duration. Where a land manager has attended an approved grazing management course previously, this condition does not apply. Those people who do not have livestock will be required to attend a workshop based on the management of perennial grasses.