

Plant Materials Program

*Plant Solutions for
Conservation Needs..*

The purpose of the plant materials program is to provide native plants that can help solve natural resource problems. Beneficial uses for which plant materials are selected include biomass production, carbon sequestration, erosion reduction, wetland restoration, range improvement, water quality improvement, streambank and riparian area protection, and other special conservation treatment needs.



The Tucson Plant Materials Center Service Area



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Field Plantings: An Introduction



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Field Plantings

What are they?

The Plant Materials Program depends on landowner participation to field-test new selections of grasses, forbs, and woody plants; new technology for their establishment and management; and treatment of resource concerns.

The Tucson Plant Materials Center can provide available seed to local cooperators for field testing. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Field offices assist the Plant Materials Program and cooperators in the implementation of the field planting.



How they are done:

Plant materials staff and the land owner develop a detailed plan. PMC staff in coordination with local NRCS staff, provide seed and on-site advice or install the planting as required.

Annual or semi-annual evaluations are conducted on the planting by plant materials and NRCS field office personnel for up to five years.

How to get started!

Land owners should contact their local field offices if interested in these or other field trials.



Available planting materials for 2010:

Grasses:

Plains bristlegrass
Pima pappusgrass
Spike dropseed
Alkali Muhly
Alkali Sacaton
Bush Muhly
Plains lovegrass
Tobosa
Sideoats grama

Forbs:

Desert zinnia

Shrubs:

Desert saltbush
Four-wing saltbush

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