

HOW TO USE THIS DOCUMENT

This document is designed to help Climate-Smart Grown in SC participants ensure they are completing all requirements for verification and receipt of incentive payments. This document can be downloaded and printed or used as an electronic PDF to keep track of important information as you implement Climate-Smart practices on your farm. This document is NOT a production guide; please refer to the production guidelines provided on the commodity resource pages on the [project website](#).

Under each Climate-Smart practice you will find boxes outlined in **RED**. **EVERY item within a RED box must be completed** for the practice to be **verified**. Once **ALL** enrolled practices have been **implemented and verified, payments can be made**.

- Once ALL items outlined within the red boxes are complete under the enrolled practice, contact your extension associate(s)**
- Associates will work with you to collect other required information and schedule a site visit when appropriate**

Sections in this document request that you **MAINTAIN INFORMATION**. These can be completed with the assistance of your Extension Associate(s). Any **TABLES** and **NOTES** should be completed by growers **WHILE IMPLEMENTING PRACTICES**.

[Blue links](#) within this document can be clicked to view additional information and resources.

RESOURCES FOR SUCCESS

Climate-Smart Participant Checklist (list of program requirements for farmers): https://www.climatesmartsc.org/_pdf/pdf_cs-participant-checklist_revised_12_5_23.pdf

Climate-Smart Grown in SC Forages for Beef Resource Web Page: <https://www.climatesmartsc.org/resources/forages-for-beef-cattle-resources/default.aspx>

Extension Associate and Program Personnel Contact Information: <https://www.climatesmartsc.org/contact-us/default.aspx>

VERIFICATION FORAGES FOR BEEF



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Before Climate-Smart Grown in SC farmers can receive incentive payments, Extension associates are required to verify reported Climate-Smart practices on enrolled acreage. Production guidelines for FORAGES FOR BEEF CATTLE are based upon existing NRCS Conservation Practice Standards (CPS). [NRCS CPS documents](#) and production guidelines are posted on the [commodity resource pages](#) on the [project website](#).

Please maintain all the information requested here, save relevant receipts, and document your implementation progress with photos when possible. Stay in touch with your Extension associates while enrolled in Climate-Smart Grown in SC. Refer to your participation agreement to confirm which specific practices you are enrolled for on your acreage. If you have any questions, [contact](#) your Climate-Smart Extension associate.

Extension associates will be visually verifying reported Climate-Smart practices via scheduled site visits.

PLEASE REVIEW BEFORE PROCEEDING

- Enrolled acreage must be pasture harvested **only** by grazing beef cattle; hay acreage will not be incentivized.
- Minimum stocking rate of **1 beef cow per 5 acres** is required to remain enrolled.
- Once you have implemented an incentivized practice, please [contact](#) an Extension associate at the university you are enrolled with for confirmation and to plan a site visit for verification if needed.
- Use the tables provided within this document to record important information as you implement Climate-Smart practices.
- Form CPA-52, an environmental evaluation required by USDA for reporting purposes, may impact the timing of payments in year one.
- Complete all enrollment requirements in the [Participant Checklist](#).

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FORAGES FOR BEEF



VERIFICATION OF: **INCORPORATION OF LEGUMES**
([NRCS CPS 512](#))

NAME _____

TO RECEIVE INCENTIVE PAYMENTS FOR INCORPORATION OF LEGUMES:

- Plant approved [legumes](#) (alfalfa or clovers) and maintain a stand on enrolled acreage for every year enrolled in the project
- Obtain [Soil Sample and Analysis Report](#) for enrolled acres annually
- Provide a copy of any receipts for purchase of seed
- Provide a copy of any receipts for purchase of associated soil amendments
- Maintain records (photos, notes, etc.) of legumes and [contact](#) your Extension associate(s) to answer any questions

MAINTAIN THE FOLLOWING LEGUMES INFORMATION FOR ENROLLED ACREAGE (If all paddocks on enrolled acres did not use the same planting practices, be prepared to provide the following information for **each** paddock):

- ❖ Legume Species _____
- ❖ Acres Planted _____
- ❖ Date(s) Planted _____
- ❖ Dominant (non-legume) complementary species
(bahia grass, fescue, bermudagrass, rye, ryegrass, oat, etc.)

- ❖ Seeding Rate(s) _____
- ❖ Seed Source(s) _____
- ❖ Method(s) of Planting _____

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ADDITIONAL NOTES

NAME _____

STATEMENT ON CROP FAILURE

Climate-Smart Grown in SC is committed to providing incentives to participating South Carolina farmers implementing outlined practices under this project. In the event of a natural disaster and/or crop failure, participant documentation (receipts, photos, etc.) will be used to verify implementation of incentivized practices. As long as Climate-Smart guidelines were followed, participants afforded crops every opportunity grow successfully (appropriate variety selection, planting date, plant spacing, pest management, fertility), and appropriate documentation is provided, then incentives can still be disbursed. Any crop failure will be considered individually, with incentive payment dependent upon that crop’s circumstance and related documentation. Please [contact](#) your Extension associate(s) with any questions.