SECTION 630 SEEDING

630.1 Description

(1) This section describes preparing seed beds and furnishing and sowing the required seed on slopes, appurtenances, and other areas, and on borrow pits and material disposal sites.

(2) This section also describes furnishing and sowing temporary seed mixture on the slopes and appurtenances of temporary embankments and roadways.

630.2 Materials

630.2.1 Seed

630.2.1.1 General Requirements

(1) Conform to the Wisconsin Statutes and Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter ATCP 20 regarding noxious weed seed content and labeling.

(2) Use seed within one year of the test date appearing on the label.

(3) Seed mixtures 70, 70A, 75, and 80 contain wild type forbs and grasses. Wild type is defined as seed that is derived directly from native, wild stock, including seed that was wild collected and placed into production or has been harvested directly from native stands.

630.2.1.2 Purity and Germination

(1) Test seed according to the methods and procedures used for sampling and analyzing seed for purity, germination, and noxious weed seed content specified in the current edition of Rules for Testing Seed, published by the Association of Official Seed Analysts.

630.2.1.3 Inoculation

(1) Inoculate legume seed (white clover, red clover, ladino clover, alsike clover, alfalfa, empire birdsfoot trefoil, partridge pea, purple prairie clover, Canada tick-trefoil, and lupine) unless it has been pre-inoculated by the vendor. Follow the inoculation instructions that come with the culture purchases. If applying the seed according to method B, 630.3.3.2, treat seeds requiring inoculation with 5 times the amount of inoculant recommended in the instructions.

(2) Avoid exposure of the culture or inoculated seed to the sunlight, and in no case shall any exposure exceed 1/2 hour.

630.2.1.4 Storing Seed

(1) Store any seed delivered before use in a manner that protects it from damage by heat, moisture, rodents, or other causes. Discard and replace any previously tested and accepted seed that becomes damaged.

630.2.1.5 Seed Mixtures

630.2.1.5.1 Right-of-Way

630.2.1.5.1.1 Permanent

####### 630.2.1.5.1.1.1 Composition

(1) Seed mixtures for use on the right-of-way and easements shall, unless specified otherwise, be composed of seeds of the purity, germination and proportions, by weight, as given in the Table of Highway Seed Mixtures and the Table of Native Seed Mixtures.

(2) Use seed of the species and varieties listed below. If no variety is listed, there will be no restriction on the variety furnished, except as follows:

1. Species composed of pure live seed (PLS) shall contain no named or improved varieties. PLS shall be grown in Wisconsin or northern Illinois, northeastern Iowa, or eastern Minnesota. Seed produced out-of-state must be grown in one of the following counties:

1.1 From northern Illinois:

Boone	Bureau	Carroll	Cook	De Kalb	Du Page	Grundy
Henry	Jo Daviess	Kane	Kendall	Lake	La Salle	Lee
McHenry	Ogle	Putnam	Rock Island	Stevenson	Whiteside	Will
Winnebago						

1.2 From northeastern Iowa:

Allamakee	Benton	Black Hawk	Bremer	Buchanan	Cedar	Chickasaw
Clayton	Clinton	Delaware	Dubuque	Fayette	Floyd	Howard
Jackson	Johnson	Jones	Linn	Mitchell	Muscatine	Scott
Winneshiek						

1.3 From eastern Minnesota:

Aitkin	Anoka	Carlton	Carver	Chisago	Dakota	Dodge
Fillmore	Goodhue	Hennepin	Houston	Isanti	Kanabec	La Sueur
Mille Lacs	Mower	Olmsted	Pine	Ramsey	Rice	Scott
Sherburne	Steele	Wabasha	Washington	Winona	Wright	

2. PLS for seed mixtures 70, 70A, 75, and 80 shall be packaged separately by species and clearly labeled with the vendor's name, species common and botanical names, gross weight, percent PLS, year of harvest and any specialized treatments that have been applied to ensure or enhance germination. If PLS is not listed, determine PLS by multiplying the percent germination times the percent purity.

3. Minimum percent purity for native for species is 90 percent. If a listed species is not available, substitutions may be made with engineer's approval and must be documented.

(3) Mix native species at the project site. Clean and debeard seeds having awns or excessive hairs before mixing.

SPECIES COMMON NAME	SPECIES BOTANICAL NAME	ACCEPTABLE VARIETIES
Kentucky Bluegrass	*Poa pratensis*	Low Maintenance
Red Fescue	*Festuca rubra*	Creeping
Hard Fescue	*Festuca ovina var. duriuscula*	Improved
Tall Fescue	*Festuca arundinacea*	Improved turf type
Salt Grass	*Puccinella distans*	Fult's
	Puccinella distans	Salty
Redtop	*Agrostis alba*	
Timothy	*Phleum pratense*	
Canada Wild Rye[1]	*Elymus canadensis*	
Perennial Ryegrass	*Lolium perenne*	
Perennial Ryegrass	*Lolium perenne*	Improved Fine
Annual Ryegrass	*Lolium multiflorum*	
Alsike Clover	*Trifolium hybridum*	
Red Clover	*Trifolium pratense*	
White Clover	*Trifolium repens*	
Birdsfoot Trefoil	*Lotus corniculatus*	Empire
Japanese Millet	*Echinochola crusgalli var. frumentacea*	
Annual Oats	*Avena sativa*	
Alfalfa	*Medicago sativa*	
Bromegrass	*Bromus inermis*	
Orchardgrass	*Dactylis glomerata*	
Ladino Clover	*Trifolium repens var. latum*	Ladino
Agricultural Rye	*Secale cereale*	
Winter Wheat	*Triticum aestivum*	

[1] Pure live seed

TABLE OF HIGHWAY SEED MIXTURES

SPECIES	PURITY minimum %	GERMINATION minimum %	MIXTURE PROPORTIONS in percent				
			NO. 10	NO. 20	NO. 30	NO. 40	NO. 60
Kentucky Bluegrass	98	85	40	6	10	35	
Red Fescue	97	85	25		30	20	
Hard Fescue	97	85		24	25	20	
Tall Fescue	98	85		40			
Salt Grass	98	85			10		
Redtop	92	85	5				
Timothy	98	90					12
Canada Wild Rye		PLS[1]					10
Perennial Ryegrass	97	90	20	30			
Improved Fine Perennial Ryegrass	96	85			15	25	
Annual Ryegrass	97	90					30
Alsike Clover	97	90					4
Red Clover	98	90					4
White Clover	95	90	10				
Birdsfoot Trefoil	95	80			10		
Japanese Millet	97	85					20
Annual Oats	98	90[1]					20

[1] Substitute winter wheat for annual oats in fall plantings started after September 1.

TABLE OF NATIVE SEED MIXTURES

	SPECIES	SPECIES BOTANICAL NAME	PURITY AND GERMINATION minimum %	MIXTURE PROPORTIONS in percent			
				NO. 70	NO. 70A	NO. 75	NO. 80
FORBS	Canada Anemone	*Anemone canadensis*	PLS	2			
	Butterflyweed	*Asclepias tuberosa*	PLS		2		
	New England Aster	*Aster novae-angliae*	PLS	2	2		
	Partridge-pea	*Chamaecrista (Cassia) fasciculata*	PLS		2		
	Purple Prairie Clover	*Dalea (Petalostemum) purpurea*	PLS	2	2	4	
	Canada Tick-trefoil	*Desmodium canadense*	PLS	2			
	Flowering Spurge	*Euphorbia corollata*	PLS		2		
	Wild Geranium	*Geranium maculatum*	PLS	2			
	Western Sunflower	*Helianthus occidentaalis*	PLS	3	2		
	Rough Blazingstar	*Liatris aspera*	PLS		2		
	Prairie Blazingstar	*Liatris pycnostachya*	PLS	2			
	Lupine	*Lupinus perennis*	PLS		3		
	Wild Bergamot	*Monarda fistulosa*	PLS	2			
	Horse Mint	*Monarda punctata*	PLS		2		
	Yellow Coneflower	*Ratibida pinnata*	PLS	2	2		
	Blackeyed Susan	*Rudbeckia hirta*	PLS			1	
	Showy Goldenrod	*Solidago speciosa*	PLS	2	2		
	Spiderwort	*Tradescantia ohiensis*	PLS	2	2		
	Golden Alexanders	*Zizia aurea*	PLS	2			
GRASSES	Big Bluestem	*Andropogon gerardi*	PLS	15	15	10	
	Sideoats Grama	*Bouteloua curtipendula*	PLS	15	20	20	25
	Canada Wildrye	*Elymus Canadensis*	PLS	15	15	35	23
	Slender Wheatgrass	*Elymus trachycaulus*	PLS				20
	Junegrass	*Koeleria macrantha*	PLS		5		
	Annual Ryegrass	*Lolium multiflorum*	[1]			10	10
	Switchgrass	*Panicum virgatum*	PLS				10
	Salt Grass	*Puccinella distans*	[1]				2
	Little Bluestem	*Schizachyrium (Andropogon) scoparium*	PLS	15	20	10	10
	Indiangrass	*Sorgastrum nutans*	PLS	15		10	
ALTERNATE FORBS	Sky Blue Aster	*Aster azureus*	PLS	[2]	[2]		
	White Wild Indigo	*Baptisia leucantha*	PLS	[2]	[2]		
	Pale Purple Coneflower	*Echinacea pallida*	PLS	[2]	[2]		
	White Prairie Clover	*Petalostemum candidum*	PLS	[2]	[2]		
	Stiff Goldenrod	*Solidago rigida*	PLS	[2]	[2]		
	Hoary Vervain	*Verbena stricta*	PLS	[2]	[2]		

[1] Provide the minimum purity and germination specified in 630.2.1.5.1.1.1(3) in the table of highway seed mixtures.

[2] The contractor may, if the engineer approves, substitute an alternate forb for a required forb that is not available using the same percentage as specified for the required forb. Use a different alternate forb for each unavailable required forb. Provide documentation showing that a required forb is not available before using an alternate.

630.2.1.5.1.1.2 Mixture

(1) The contractor shall select a seed mixture or mixtures that meet with the engineer's approval, and unless specified otherwise in the contract, shall conform to the following:

1. Use seed mixture No. 10 where average loam, heavy clay, or moist soils predominate.
2. Use seed mixture No. 20 where light, dry, well-drained, sandy, or gravelly soils predominate and for all high cut and fill slopes generally exceeding 6 to 8 feet (1.8 to 2.4 m), except where using No. 70.
3. Use seed mixture No. 10 or No. 20 on all ditches, inslopes, median areas, and low fills, except where using No. 30 or No. 70.
4. Use seed mixture No. 30 for medians and on slopes or ditches generally within 15 feet (4.5 m) of the shoulder where a salt-tolerant turf is preferred.
5. Use seed mixture No. 40 in urban or other areas where a lawn type turf is preferred.
6. Use seed mixture No. 60 only on areas, the contract designates or the engineer specifies. Use it as a cover seeding for newly graded wet areas or as a nurse crop for specified wetland seed mixtures. The contractor shall not apply it to flooded areas.
7. Use seed mixture Nos. 70 and 70A on slopes and upland areas the contract designates or the engineer specifies. Use seed mixture No. 70 on loamy soils and seed mixture No. 70A on sandy soils.
8. Use seed mixture No. 75 where native grasses are desired for erosion control.
9. Use seed mixture No. 80 on inslopes where a salt tolerant seed mix containing native grasses is desired.

630.2.1.5.1.2 Temporary

(1) Under the Seeding Temporary bid item, use a temporary seed mixture conforming to 630.2.1.5.1.4. Use oats in spring and summer plantings. Use winter wheat or rye for fall plantings started after September 1.

630.2.1.5.1.3 Nurse Crop

(1) If seeding bare soil with either mixture 70, 70A, 75, or 80, include the work under the Seeding Nurse Crop bid item.

630.2.1.5.1.4 Borrow Pits and Material Disposal Sites

(1) For seeding borrow pits and material disposal sites beyond the right-of-way, use seed mixtures conforming to seed mixture 10, 20, 70, 70A, or 75 of 630.2.1.5.1.1 or a borrow pit mixture composed of seeds of the species, purity, germination and proportions, by weight as given below:

PERMANENT

SPECIES	% MINIMUM PURITY	% MINIMUM GERMINATION
Alfalfa	98	90
Bromegrass	85	85
Orchardgrass	80	85
Timothy	98	90
Red Clover	98	90
Alsike Clover	97	90
Ladino Clover	95	90
Kentucky Bluegrass	98	85
Birdsfoot Trefoil	95	80

TEMPORARY

SPECIES	% MINIMUM PURITY	% MINIMUM GERMINATION
Annual Oats	98	90
Agricultural Rye	97	85
Winter Wheat	95	90

NURSE CROP

SPECIES	% MINIMUM PURITY	% MINIMUM GERMINATION
Annual Oats	98	90
Annual Ryegrass	97	90
Winter Wheat	95	90

(2) For the borrow pit mixture use, by weight, 60 percent temporary species seeds and 40 percent permanent species seeds.

(3) For the temporary component, use any combination of temporary seeds listed in the table above.

(4) For the permanent component, use seeds from not more than 4 of the permanent species listed in the table above in any combination.

(5) When nurse crop is required for spring seeding before June 15, use annual oats. For fall seeding after October 15, use winter wheat, or annual ryegrass.

630.3 Construction

630.3.1 General

(1) If not protecting with a mulch cover, perform seeding, except Nos. 60, 70 and 70A mixtures at times of the year when temperature and moisture conditions are suitable for seeding, except during midsummer.

(2) Perform seeding, except Nos. 60, 70 and 70A mixtures, in conjunction with mulching as specified in section 627 at any time the engineer allows.

(3) The contractor may perform seeding of Nos. 60, 70 and 70A mixtures at any time soil conditions are suitable, except between June15 and October 15, unless the engineer allows otherwise.

(4) Perform seeding with the selected seed mixture, sown at the specified rate.

630.3.2 Preparation of Seed Bed

(1) Complete grading, shouldering, topsoiling, and fertilizing, if part of the work under contract, before permanent seeding, except the contractor may place the fertilizer and seed mixture in one operation if using equipment designed for the purpose.

(2) Just before seeding, work the area being seeded with discs, harrows, or other appropriate equipment to obtain a reasonably even and loose seedbed. Place topsoil as specified in 625.3.3.

630.3.3 Sowing

(1) Select the method of sowing from either method A, method B, method C, or an appropriate combination of methods A, B, and C. Obtain the engineer's approval for the sowing method and specific procedures used for each seed mixture used before sowing that mixture.

630.3.3.1 Method A

(1) Sow the selected seed mixture using equipment adapted to the purpose, or by scattering it uniformly over the areas to be seeded. Lightly rake or drag to cover the seed with approximately 1/4 inch (6 mm) of soil. After seeding, lightly roll or compact the areas using suitable equipment, preferably the cultipacker type, when the engineer judges the seedbed too loose, or if the seedbed contains clods that might reduce seed germination. The contractor shall not roll slopes steeper than 1:3.

(2) If scattering seed by hand, perform this work with satisfactory hand seeders and only when the air is calm enough to prevent seeds from blowing away.

630.3.3.2 Method B

(1) Sow or spread the seed upon the prepared bed using a stream or spray of water under pressure and operated from an engineer-approved machine designed for that purpose. Place the selected seed mixture and water into a tank, provided within the machine, in sufficient quantities that when spraying the seed on a given area it is uniformly spread at the required application rate. During this process, keep the tank contents stirred or agitated to provide uniform distribution. Spread the tank contents within one hour after adding the seed to the tank. The engineer will reject seed that remains mixed with the water for longer than one hour. The engineer will not require dragging or rolling.

630.3.3.3 Method C

(1) For spring seeding of seed mixtures 70 and 70A into existing ground cover, mow existing vegetation to 4 inches or less in height 2 to 4 weeks before seeding. Ten to 14 days after mowing, spray with vegetation control herbicide conforming to 632.2.12.

(2) For fall seeding of seed mixtures 70 and 70A into existing ground cover, mow existing vegetation to 4 inches or less in height 4 to 6 weeks before seeding. Ten to 14 days after mowing, spray with vegetation control herbicide conforming to 632.2.12. Retreat with vegetation control herbicide 10 to 14 days after initial application if live vegetation persists.

(3) Seed with a rangeland type drill with one or more seed boxes that can be calibrated independently to deliver different sized seeds uniformly at the required rate and equipped with a rear-mounted press wheel for each seed drop tube. If seeding into existing vegetation or thatch, use a rangeland type drill equipped

with a no-till attachment that can cut through the vegetation or thatch in front of the V disc and seed drop tube. If the configuration of the area to be seeded allows, apply seed at 1/2 the specified seed rate and apply the second 1/2 in a perpendicular direction.

630.3.3.4 Borrow Pits and Material Disposal Sites

(1) Seed borrow pits, and material disposal sites off the right-of-way, with the selected seed mixture specified in 630.2.1.5.1.4. Consult with the landowner or the landowner's agent when selecting the seed mixture.

630.3.3.5 Seeding Rates

630.3.3.5.1 Right-of-Way

(1) Use the following sowing rate for seeds in pounds (kg) per 1000 square feet (100 m^2) of area:

- Seed mixture No. 10 at 1.5 pounds (0.7 kg)
- Seed mixture No. 20 at 3 pounds (1.5 kg)
- Seed mixture No. 30 at 2 pounds (1.0 kg)
- Seed mixture No. 40 at 2 pounds (1.0 kg)
- Seed mixture No. 60 at an equivalent seeding rate of 1.5 pounds (0.7 kg)[1]
- Seed mixture No. 70 or 70A at 0.4 pounds (0.2 kg)
- Seed mixture No. 75 at an equivalent seeding rate of 0.7 pounds (0.3 kg)[1]
- Seed mixture No. 80 at an equivalent seeding rate of 0.8 pounds (0.4 kg)[1]
- Temporary seeding at 3 pounds (1.5 kg)
- Nurse crop seeding at 0.8 pounds (0.4 kg)

[1] Determine the actual seeding rate by multiplying the equivalent seeding rate by the sum of the unadjusted and adjusted percentages of the various species in the seed mixtures as sown.

(2) The unadjusted percentage equals the minimum percent of purity and germination specified in the table of seed mixtures contained in 630.2.1.5.1.1.1 for the applicable species.

(3) Obtain the adjusted percentage for each of the PLS species by dividing the specified percentage of the species by the product of the percent of purity and the percent of germination for each of the PLS species as delivered.

630.3.3.5.2 Borrow Pits and Material Disposal Areas

(1) For seeding borrow pits, and material disposal off the right-of-way, sow the seed mixtures specified in 630.2.1.5.1.4 at the following rates per pound (kilogram) per 1000 square feet (100 m^2) of area:

- Seed mixture No. 10 at 0.75 pound (0.4 kg)
- Seed mixture No. 20 at 1 pound (0.5 kg)
- Seed mixture No. 30 at 1.5 pounds (0.7 kg)
- Seed mixture No. 70 or 70A at 0.4 pounds (0.2 kg)
- Seed mixture No 75 at 0.7 pounds (0.3 kg)
- Borrow pit mixture at 1.5 pounds (0.7 kg)

630.3.3.6 Establishment Period for Native Seeding

(1) During the growing season after planting of seed mixture 70 or 70A, mow all seeded areas twice as the engineer directs. Mow vegetation back to 6 inches high when it has reached a height of at least 12 inches.

(2) During the growing season after planting seed mixture 70 or 70A, eradicate the following species from the seeded areas as soon as they become evident:

SPECIES COMMON NAME	SPECIES BOTANICAL NAME
Musk thistle	*Carduus nutans*
Spotted knapweed	*Centaurea maculosa*
Canada thistle	*Cirsium arvense*
Bull thistle	*Cirsium vulgare*

Field bindweed	*Convolvulus arvensis*
Leafy spurge	*Euphorbia esula*
Sweetclover	*Melilotus species*
Wild parsnip	*Pastinaca sativa*

(3) Eradicate by hand pulling or by applying a vegetation control herbicide conforming to 632.2.12 to individual plants.

630.4 Measurement

(1) The department will measure the Seeding bid items by the pound acceptably completed.

(2) The department will measure quantities based on net weights of seed shipments, or on quantities weighed on department-approved scales the contractor furnishes.

(3) The department will make deductions for all quantities wasted or not actually incorporated in the work according to the contract.

(4) The department will determine the equivalent pounds of seed furnished and applied by dividing the actual pounds of seed applied by the sum of the unadjusted and adjusted percentages of the various species in the seed mixture sown.

(5) The department will use the unadjusted and adjusted percentages determined in 630.3.3.5.1.

630.5 Payment

(1) The department will pay for measured quantities at the contract unit price under the following bid items:

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	UNIT
630.0100 - 0199	Seeding (mixture)	LB
630.0200	Seeding Temporary	LB
630.0300	Seeding Borrow Pit	LB
630.0400	Seeding Nurse Crop	LB

(2) Payment for the Seeding bid items is full compensation for providing, handling, and storing all seed; for providing the required culture and inoculating seed as specified; and for preparing the seed bed, sowing, covering and firming the seed. If the landowner does not want the pit or material disposal site seeded, or seeded with any of the mixtures allowed, the department will not make payment for fertilization or seeding of those areas.