

Pollinator Habitats At Blueberry Hill Organic Farm By Virginia Keith



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Grant Opportunities





NRCS
EQUIP Grant
Pollinator Habitat
\$585/acre reimbursement

“Increased habitat for pollinators will improve fruit set, size and quality, productivity per acre, biodiversity, beneficial insect populations and the food base for many wildlife species....reducing the need for pesticides” NRCS

Pollinator Habitat Planting Methods;

2013 -walk-behind seeder and
mulched with straw

2016 – hand broadcast seeder, no
mulch

Estimated Cost for .2/acre - \$288
Using walk-behind seeder

Seed; Ernst, Eden Brothers - \$116 (enough
for 1/2 acre)

Earthway Seeder; Nolts \$102

Straw Mulch; \$7/bale – 10 bales \$70

Labor; 4 hours

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A native seed mix specially designed to provide foraging and nesting resources for a diversity of pollinators

- ◆ Approximately 15 species of perennial wildflowers that provide high quality sources of pollen and/or nectar
- ◆ Includes a native bunch grass that provides nesting habitat for bumble bees and other beneficial insects
- ◆ Appropriate for habitat restoration in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, northern New York, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont
- ◆ Available in 1/2 or 1-acre quantities

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Ernst Conservation Seeds produces and supplies native plant seed for use in restoration, reclamation, conservation, and wildlife habitat enhancement.

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FORBS			

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FORBS			
Anise hyssop	<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>	Commercial	9.68%
Arrow leaf aster	<i>Symphyotrichum sagittifolius</i>	PA	0.31%
Bigleaf lupine	<i>Lupinus polyphyllus</i>	Commercial	11.46%
Blue false indigo	<i>Baptisia australis</i>	Southern WV	1.45%
Boneset	<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	PA	0.39%
Common monarch flower	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	PA	3.11%
Lanceleaf coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Coastal Plain NC	14.78%
Maximilian's sunflower	<i>Helianthus maximiliani</i>	Commercial	2.18%
Meadow bottle gentian	<i>Gentiana clausa</i>	PA	0.07%
New England aster	<i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>	PA	0.22%
New York ironweed	<i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>	PA	0.03%
Ohio spiderwort	<i>Tradescantia ohioensis</i>	PA	0.5%
Partridge pea	<i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i>	PA	10.05%
Showy goldenrod	<i>Solidago speciosa</i>	Southern WV	0.16%
Slender mountainmint	<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i>	Commercial	0.62%
Tall white beardtongue	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Commercial	5.99%
Wild bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Commercial	2.05%
GRASS			
Little bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	'Camper'	36.95%

Recommended seeding rate: at least 7.2 bulk pounds per acre.

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Benefits noticed

- Improved fruit set
- Increase in fruit size, quantity and quality
- Reduction in pest populations

Improved Fruit Set



Improved
Fruit
Size,
Quality
and
Quantity





capacity 40 x 0.01 lb

1.72 lb
0.00

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CLASS III

PRICE/lb

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Significant pest reduction







