

COOPERATIVE RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR USE OF NATIVE GRASS DRILL

1. This agreement between the Gratiot Conservation District and landowner (known as renter throughout the remaining document) wishing to use the native grass drill is in effect upon the signing and dating of this agreement.
2. The renter shall agree to operate drill to plant wildlife habitat plantings of warm season grasses, cool season grasses (nesting cover) and/or food plots. Large acreage of nesting cover or food plots will be planted using other planting equipment. This drill will not be utilized for agricultural plantings.
3. The renter shall agree to operate drill according to Operator's Manual (including, but not limited to, lubrication and cleaning of hoppers). Manual will be with the drill when delivered. Transporter/Technician will complete all calibrations required. Renter must ensure calibrations are done according to recommended seeding rates for the seed being used. It is the renter's responsibility to stop drilling frequently to check that seeding rate is consistent with desired results. **The Gratiot Conservation District will not be responsible for loss of seed for any reason, including due to incorrect seeding rate or calibrations.**
4. A 40-horsepower tractor with rear hydraulic outlets is needed to operate the drill. Planting speed is not to exceed 5.5 mph. This will allow planting 1 ½ to 2 acres per hour in good site conditions.
5. **Renter agrees to pre-pay a minimum fee of \$135.00 for use of drill.** This includes a \$65.00 delivery/set-up fee and a minimum of \$60.00 towards acreage planted. Any acreage planted in excess of 10 acres will be charged a rate of \$6.00 per acre. Checks made payable to: Gratiot Conservation District.
6. For residents living outside of Gratiot County, there will be a delivery and return fee of \$4.00 per mile beyond the Gratiot County line.
7. **Full payment of acres planted is to be made no later than 30 days from the date of invoice** which will be sent out immediately following use of drill. After this time, an interest rate of 1.5% per month will be charged until full payment is received. Accounts with no activity for 120 days or more may be turned over for collection. Monthly payments to keep accounts active are encouraged.
8. Renter, as determined by the District, will pay all damages due to misuse or negligence on part of renter. Maintenance resulting from seasonable wear will be the responsibility of the District and/or State.
9. The equipment will not be transferred to another property without prior permission of the District.
10. Renter will indemnify and hold harmless the Gratiot Conservation District and State of Michigan, their departments, officers, employees, and agents of all liability arising from the use of this equipment.

I, the undersigned, agree to abide by this cooperative rental agreement and provided operator's manual.

Print Name _____ DATE _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ MI Zip _____

Email address _____

Signature _____

All NRCS and District programs and services are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or handicap.

-----Date and Mile Tracker-----		
Delivery Date _____	Planting Date _____	Pick up Date _____
Meter Reading: Start _____	Finish: _____	Total Acres: _____
Pre-pay fee received <input type="checkbox"/>	Type: Check# _____	Cash <input type="checkbox"/>