Seed cost share requires the seed to be on this species list, doesn’t necessarily have to be exact mixes as long as it contains these species of grass.

Montezuma County Seed Mixes

These mixes are good suggestions that can be adapted to specific needs.

IRRIGATED PASTURE: This mixture of cool season forage grasses can be used for either pasture or hay. This mixture requires irrigation and works at any elevation. Planting rates: 20 lbs drilled, 25 lbs broadcast. Costs range from $3.50/lb to $4.30/lb

- 30% Tall Fescue
- 20% Orchardgrass
- 20% Perennial Rye
- 30% Meadow Brome
- 20% Annual Rye
- 100% Annual Rye

DRYLAND PASTURE: A blend of more drought tolerant pasture grass species for landowners who need pasture for sheep, cattle, or horses and cannot irrigate. Good at a wide range of altitudes. The drilled seeding rate is 15 pounds per acre. The broadcast seeding rate is 20 pounds per acre. Costs range from $4.00/lb to $5.00/lb

- 20% Pubescent Wheatgrass
- 30% Smooth Brome
- 20% Piaute Orchardgrass
- 15% Crested Wheatgrass
- 10% Russian Wildrye
- 5% Annual Rye
- 100% Annual Rye

ALKALI SEED MIX: In SW Colorado, soils derived from the Mancos shale are commonly high in sodium salts. The species in this mix are selected for their higher salt tolerance and are a combination of high to low growing plants. The water requirements are minimal yet the grasses will survive periodic short term flooding. The seeding rate is 15 pounds per acre drilled rate. Costs range from $4.20/lb to $5.20/lb

- 25% Tall Wheatgrass
- 15% Slender Wheatgrass
- 15% Russian Wildrye
- 25% Tall Fescue
- 15% Alkali Grass
- 5% Strawberry Clover
- 100% Lewis Flax

FOOTHILLS NATIVE MIX: This seed mixture represents the main native species found in the upper Pinion-Juniper to Ponderosa zone (approximate elevations 5,000 – 7,000.). The seeding rate is 10-15 pounds per acre or 1 pound per 1000 square feet. Costs range from $7.25/lb to $9.50/lb

- 30% Slender Wheatgrass
- 20% Indian Ricegrass
- 15% Sandberg Bluegrass
- 15% Blue Grama
- 10% Arizona Fescue
- 10% Lewis Flax
- 100% Lewis Flax