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              - Achieve
              - Curtail
              - Odyssey
              - Puma
3. Diseases
4. Harvest
   4b. Wild harvest
5. Cleaning
6. Marketing
Seeding Nodding Brome
Seeding Needle and Thread.
Stripping *Stipa spartea* on native prairie
Swathing Big Bluestem
Combining Big Bluestem
Clipper 27 Air Screen Cleaner
Carter Day Indent Cleaner
Kwik Kleen Cleaner
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Annex "A"
Scope of Work

Seed Multiplication Contract
Bouteloua gracilis (blue grama grass)
Contract#: SP407-C11-09 / 45309450

1.0 Objective

The objective of this contract is to have a contractor manage and harvest Bouteloua gracilis (blue grama grass) grass seed previously supplied by Grasslands National Park.

2.0 Geographic Location

The contractor’s field is located at SW 3-24-28 W in the Municipality of Shellmouth-Boulton (13 miles south and 1 mile east of Roblin, Manitoba).

3.0 Responsibilities

The two parties hereby agree to the following responsibilities surrounding the management, harvesting and sale of, Bouteloua gracilis (blue grama grass), in the form of seed from the contractor to Grasslands National Park.
Blue Grama
Western Porcupine Grass.
Source: Grasslands National Park
Ecovar Polar Northern Wheatgrass Foundation Plot
Green Needlegrass. Source: Grasslands National Park
Needle and Thread,  Source: Medicine Lake Wildlife Refuge, Medicine Lake, Montana
Western Wheatgrass
Purple Prairie Clover  Source: Northern North Dakota
Big Bluestem. Late August. Source: Central Western Manitoba, Central Eastern Saskatchewan
1. Involvement in reclamation projects
2. The challenge of figuring out how to grow something new.
Collaborations:
General Mills and the Xerces Society Pollinator Program
Other Partnerships
Other Partnerships
Partnerships

Canadian Wildlife Federation

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Xerces Society

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Thank you!

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