

**Conservation Federation of Missouri
2015 Resolutions**

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Develop an Incentive Program for Converting Cool-Season Grass Pastures to Native Warm-Season Grass

WHEREAS, most pastures in Missouri are exotic introduced cool season grasses; and

WHEREAS, pastures that incorporate native warm-season grasses are more wildlife friendly than traditional fescue pastures; and

WHEREAS, the cost to convert cool-season grass pastures to warm-season grass pastures can be prohibitive; and

WHEREAS native warm-season grasses provide quality forage in critical summer months and are drought tolerant; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City MO, this 22nd day of March, 2015, encourages the Missouri Department of Conservation, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Missouri Cattleman's Association, the Missouri Department of Agriculture, the Missouri Soil and Water Conservation Program, and the University of Missouri Extension to work in partnership to develop a comprehensive program complete with promotion, education and incentives for landowners to convert their cool-season grass pastures to native warm-season grass pastures.