

The *Texas Native Seeds* Program Pipeline Prairies Initiative

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Restoration of native plants to new oil and gas pipeline rights-of-way is of increasing importance to landowners and the pipeline industry. Many new pipelines are projected to be built across Texas. There is a need for science-based recommendations on native seed mixes following construction. Regional seed mix recommendations that consider commercial seed supply are critical for successful native plant reseeding efforts at the scale of pipeline construction.

Texas Native Seeds (TNS) is uniquely poised to compile the needed information on seed mix composition and commercial seed supply the pipeline industry needs at the statewide scale. Through relationships with pipeline companies, seed companies, and landowners, and using the results from demonstration, research, and evaluation efforts, we are compiling recommended native seed mixes by general soil texture and county for the entire state. These recommendations will be available on a *Pipeline Prairies Initiative* webpage on the TNS website. Recommendations will be updated frequently based on commercial seed supply changes, new research findings, and commercialization of new seed sources.

Equipping landowners and the pipeline industry with information about native seed use should have major positive impacts on seed markets and the success of restoration efforts. This effort will have a positive impact on native habitats and wildlife throughout Texas.

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