

**17.231 NATIVE GRASSES AND WILDFLOWER SEED PRODUCTION INCENTIVE LOAN PROGRAM.**

(a) The commissioner shall prepare a plan to establish a seed production loan program to provide loans that enable people to begin or expand efforts to develop and produce new, local-origin, native grass, and native wildflower seed species.

(b) In the plan, the commissioner shall use the ecological regions identified by the commissioner of natural resources covering the entire state. In the plan, the commissioner shall design the loan program to produce at least ten local variety native grass species and 40 local variety native wildflower species for each region. In the plan, the commissioner shall look at the possibility of producing 100 acres of native grass seed production and ten acres of native wildflower seed production in each region.

**History:** 1995 c 220 s 40