

Rolling Hills Resource Conservation & Development Council

## Tall Fescue Endophyte Infected Pasture Conversion Initiative

*Funding is available for conversion of endophyte infected tall fescue grazing lands to a Novel Endophyte Tall Fescue variety.*

*Livestock producers in north Georgia are invited to participate.*

### Required criteria for participation and overview of guidelines

- Endophyte infected tall fescue *pastureland* is eligible (land dedicated solely to hay production is not eligible)
- Sites should be predominately in Tall Fescue
- Organic operations are not eligible.
- Weed populations should not be problematic to the site. Nominal weed species will have to be under control prior to planting.
- Site must have a current (within 1 year) soil test and adjustments based on the evaluation must be made prior to planting.
- Novel Endophyte seed **must** be used. A list of varieties will be provided.
- Rolling Hills RC&D will provide establishment guidelines upon approval. Technical assistance will be provided by USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- Participant will be required to restrict grazing the converted acreage for approximately 1 year during establishment of Novel Endophyte Tall Fescue. Alternative arrangements for existing livestock must be planned.
- After establishment, grazing must be planned to ensure that newly established forage is not overgrazed to ensure productivity and persistence. Novel Endophyte Tall Fescue will not tolerate high frequency, intense, or long duration grazing.



For more information or to apply for participation, contact  
Rolling Hills Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) at  
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All applicants must be assessed for site suitability prior to approval.

*This project is in partnership with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.*