

Development of Native Prairie and Wetland Seed Sources for Restoration – Midewin National Tallgrass

2005 Accomplishments

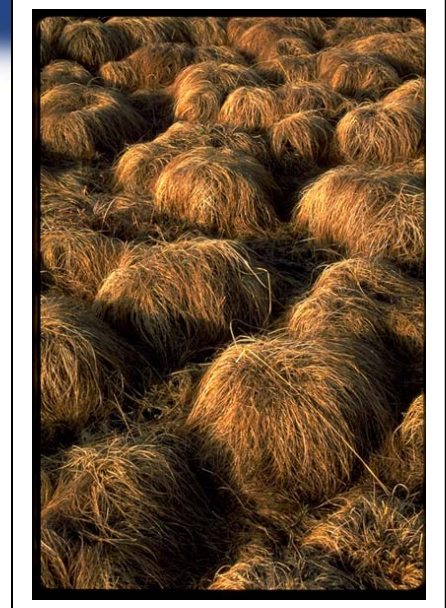
Desired Product: Establish sources on Midewin to provide sources for prairie and wetland species not available or only available in small quantities from commercial sources.

Accomplishments: Signed agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for the state nursery to grow grass and forb species from seeds. Seeds from over 25 different grass and forb species were collected.

The state nursery will grow 50,000+ plant plugs from the seeds provided by Midewin for a cost of \$50,000. The plants will be grown during the winter months of 2006. The plugs will be planted at Midewin in restorations and in seed production beds during the spring months. Seed produced from these plants will be used for restoration in the future. Volunteers will provide most of the labor, planting the plugs and harvesting the seeds in the future.



Cream Wild Indigo



Prairie Dropseed

2005 Expenditures: \$50,000

Cooperators: Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Prairie volunteers.

Initial funding received 2005. Plugs expected in 2006 with seed production expected in 2007.



Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie

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