

Project Evaluation Template

Instructions for selected State- and/or National-level Technical Contacts: Please complete this template for your assigned Project Evaluation report for the National Component CIG Project(s) which have been completed and for which the grant agreement expired between June 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012. Please work together with other State- and National-level Technical Contacts to develop these assigned CIG Project Evaluation. **Please load your assigned Project Evaluation(s) onto the NRCS Science and Technology Deputy Area Project Evaluation SharePoint Site located at <https://nrcs.sc.egov.usda.gov/st/projecteval/default.aspx> by no later than Monday, April 30, 2012 for projects ending between June 1 and December 31, 2011 and no later than Wednesday, October 31, 2012 for projects ending between January 1 and June 30, 2012.**

Note: A Project Evaluation will be written after a project is completed and the grantee submits the final report. The Project Evaluation will be written in collaboration with the State Technical Contact(s). Each project evaluation will be a 2- to 3-page report that explains how the project's innovative technology or approach can be used in NRCS. The project evaluation should include recommendations for integration into National, State, and field office enterprises.

Please contact Lillian Woods, National Technology Support Coordinator, Science and Technology Deputy Area by telephone at (202) 690-2010 or by e-mail at lillian.woods@wdc.usda.gov should you have any questions or encounter any accessibility issues.

1. Title of the CIG Project	Introducing Clovers in Grazing Systems in Coastal Plain Region of the South			
2. Grantee	Alabama Cattleman Association	3. CIG Grant Agreement Number	69-3A75-7-105	
4. Key Terms (List in boxes to the right.)	White clover	Grazing systems	Clover	Intermediate white clover
5. Brief Description (Insert text explaining the purpose of the CIG Project and recite the deliverables from the agreement.) This project will show effective ways to use new clover cultivars in grazing systems in the Coastal Plain regions of the South. The clovers will be established under various field conditions and soil types, using common planting methods and managed with prescribed grazing techniques. The project will also offer opportunities for NRCS to add information about the clovers to the Technical Guide which will consequently improve assistance to clients.				
6. What land uses can benefit from the technology or method? (Mark an "X" in all boxes that apply.)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Cropland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastureland	<input type="checkbox"/> Rangeland	<input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Crops	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands
<input type="checkbox"/> Farmstead	<input type="checkbox"/> Organic Lands	<input type="checkbox"/> Other		
7. What resource concern(s) is specifically being addressed? (Mark an "X" in all boxes that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soil	<input type="checkbox"/> Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Air	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Animal
<input type="checkbox"/> Human	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy	<input type="checkbox"/> Nutrient	<input type="checkbox"/> Tillage	<input type="checkbox"/> Pest Management
<input type="checkbox"/> Invasive Species	<input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation	<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Waste		
8. What was actually done to produce the deliverables? (Insert text that describes activities, work processes, and production methods.) Eight on farm demonstration plots were established and evaluated. Plots were monitored through the spring of 2011.				
9. What is the resulting potential value to NRCS? (Insert specific text.) SEE 13.				

Attachment B – Project Evaluation Template (Continued)

10. What Clients is the Grantee serving? (Place an “X” in the appropriate box.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Livestock producers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Diary producers	<input type="checkbox"/> Row crop farmers	<input type="checkbox"/> Irrigators	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Small and limited resource farmers
11. What are the lessons learned? (Insert text specifically describing any lessons learned.) Each of the clovers evaluated can be successfully overseeded on warm-season perennial grass pastures on Coastal Plains soil resulting in good stands and production for at least one year. A significant finding is that Durana and presumably other intermediate white clover varieties selected for persistence can perennialize and/or reseed on some Coastal Plain soil and persist with proper management.				
12. Have we learned anything? (Place an “X” in the appropriate box.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Is it new stuff or new information? <input type="checkbox"/> Is it old stuff revisited? <input type="checkbox"/> Is it old stuff repackaged or with a new application/focus?				
13. Impact analysis: What is the resulting potential value to NRCS?				
The project will offer opportunities for NRCS to add information about the clovers to the Technical Guide which will consequently improve assistance to clients. Information gained is being used by specialists and field office staff as assistance is provided to land users.				
14. Is this appropriate for another State or Region of the United States?				
Appropriate in MLRAs where coastal plains soils occur and intermediate white clovers will establish.				
15. What can NRCS incorporate from the CIG Project Results?				
Update state Technical Guides where applicable.				
16. NRCS Technology Incorporation (Place an “X” in the appropriate box.)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Do standards need to be modified? <input type="checkbox"/> Do existing directives (manuals, standards, etc.) need to be updated? <input type="checkbox"/> Do we need design or planning procedures developed? <input type="checkbox"/> Do we need to provide training?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Do we just need to get the information out? <input type="checkbox"/> Are program modifications needed? <input type="checkbox"/> Have we identified new data or research needs or future CIG categories?		
17. Who should be responsible for the next steps? (Place an “X” in the appropriate box(s).)				
<input type="checkbox"/> National Headquarter <input type="checkbox"/> National Centers <input type="checkbox"/> Regional can assist by disseminating information developed by Grantee. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X States <input type="checkbox"/> Other				

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18. Technical Contacts recommendation(s) on use of findings from CIG final report. Responses could include:

- The grant is completed, and no further action is recommended.
- The grant is completed. Publish results; but, do not repeat efforts.
- The grant is completed. The results indicate a need to change policy or program guidelines and/or a need to modify standards.

- The grant is completed. Utilize the information to package a job sheet with additional information to promote technology with staff and partners.
- The grant is completed. Package the results to train staff and partners.
- The grant is completed. The results are promising; but, identified barriers (i.e., programs, people, and technology) prevent adoption at this time.
- The grant is completed. The results are promising; however, the cost for implementation is determined to be too high at this time for widespread adoption.
- The grant is completed. The results are promising, and the concept makes sense; however, the benefits are not clear or clearly documented. Additional work is necessary.
- Other.

19. Additional Comments:

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20. Technical Contact that produced this Project Evaluation (Complete the blocks below.)

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21. Who to contact for more information (the individuals involved in implementing the CIG project) (Complete the blocks below.)

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