# ITEM 765.664 MOWING FOR NATIVE SEED ESTABLISHMENT SQUARE YARD

DESIGNER INSTRUCTIONS:

* This special provision is specially written for use with upland native seeding.
* Associated items include: 765.21 Annual Cover Crop for Native Seeding; 765.4xx Native Seed Mix (TBD); and 765.635 Native Seeding and Establishment.

**DESCRIPTION**

Item 765.664 Mowing for Native Seed Establishment shall be used solely for the purpose of weed management for upland native seed establishment, only when required by the Landscape Architect and the Engineer, and only during the period prior to weed seed dispersal as specified herein unless otherwise directed.

**METHODS**

Mowing shall be completed after weeds have sprouted and show leaf and bud growth, but prior to setting seed, generally between July 7th and August 1st, unless directed otherwise by the MassDOT Landscape Architect and the Engineer.

Mowing height shall be as needed for weed control, generally to a height of 8 inches and not below 4 inches, unless directed otherwise. Mowing shall be with a brush hog mower or string trimmer other approved equipment. Conventional lawn mowers which cannot achieve the appropriate cut shall not be used.

Contractor shall give 48-hour notice prior to mowing work. Mowing shall not occur when ground or grasses are wet. Litter pickup should occur prior to mowing in all areas. If required, cut grass shall be raked and removed. Litter pickup and raking and removal of grass shall be incidental to the work.

Mowing equipment shall be approved by the Engineer prior to work.

**METHOD OF MEASUREMENT AND BASIS OF PAYMENT**

Mowing for Native Seed Establishment will be measured for payment per Square Yard of area mowed complete in place.

Mowing for Native Seed Establishment will be paid at the contract unit price per Square Yard of area mowed and upon completion during the approved period for mowing as described under Methods. Payment shall include all labor, materials, equipment, traffic controls, and all incidental work required for satisfactory completion of mowing.