



SECTION 803

SODDING

803.1 Description. This work shall consist of furnishing and placing sod on areas shown on the plans or as designated by the engineer.

803.2 Material.

803.2.1 The type of sod will be designated on the plans. The sod shall be densely rooted and thriving, free of all prohibited and noxious weeds as defined by the Missouri Department of Agriculture and reasonably free of all other weeds. The sod shall be grown from seed varieties that are favorable for the Missouri climate conditions. The sod may be cut in strips or rolls.

803.2.2 Turf type tall fescue and Kentucky bluegrass sods shall be grown from a blend of at least three separate varieties for each sod. Buffalograss sod shall be of a variety exhibiting salt tolerance.

803.2.3 All sod shall be in accordance with the Missouri Plant Law and the Missouri Department of Agriculture's Code of State Regulations regulating the growth, sale and shipping of nursery stock in the state of Missouri. The contractor shall provide a valid certificate of inspection from the state of origin to the engineer prior to the placement of any sod.

803.3 Construction Requirements. The sod bed shall be prepared in accordance with [Sec 801](#). The bed shall be in a firm but uncompacted condition with a relatively fine texture when the sod is placed. The sod bed and the sod shall be moist when the sod is laid. All sod shall be placed to produce tight joints. Sod placed on slopes 3:1 or steeper and in the flow line of ditches shall be secured with wooden pegs or metal clips.

803.4 Acceptance. No sodded areas will be accepted until the sod is fully rooted into the sod bed and thriving. Sod will not be accepted in the dormant state.

803.5 Method of Measurement. Measurement will be made to the nearest square yard of accepted sodded surface area.

803.6 Basis of Payment. The accepted quantities of sodding will be paid for at the contract unit price. No direct payment will be made for additional sod bed preparation or for the replacement of sodded areas not accepted by the engineer.