

YELLOW BLUESTEM

Bothriochloa ischaemum



ORIGIN AND DESCRIPTION

Introduced from former USSR, China, Turkey and India for pasture in Texas and Oklahoma. Grown in the warmer areas of the Southwest. Warm season perennial Bunchgrass. 2 to 5' tall, with pale-yellow stems. Tends to form large clumps varying somewhat with variety. Leaves mostly basal, 10 to 12" long, and light green. Heads paniced, sometimes almost fan-shaped on ends of a long stalk.

GROWTH HABITS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PREFERENCES

Rather widely adapted over New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado and parts of Texas, Arizona, Utah and Kansas. Does well in a wide range of soils from loamy sands to clays. Some varieties are rather winter-hardy and drought-resistant. Good forage production.

CULTURE

Drill 1/4 - 3/4" deep on fine soils and up to 1" deep on coarser or prepacked sandy soils. Plant from 1 to 2 1/2 lbs. PLS seed per acre depending on stand desired. May be planted from March-April in most areas of Great Plains where adapted. May also be planted in winter months to come up as soil temperatures warm up. Control weeds especially in new seedings.

USE AND MANAGEMENT

Used for pasture and hay with wide spread distribution. Makes large tonnage of good quality hay if harvested at the proper time. Also used in conservation, soil stabilization and revegetation on depleted soil or range lands. May be grazed rather heavily and is usually highly palatable when green.

IMPROVED VARIETIES

- 'El Kan' released from Kansas.
- 'Ganada' released from New Mexico.
- 'Plains' released from Oklahoma.
- 'King Ranch' released from Texas.
- 'W.W. Sparr' released from Oklahoma.
- 'W.W.IronMaster' released from Oklahoma.
- 'Old World T587' released from Texas.
- 'WW-B.DAHL' released from Texas.

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