



Blue Panicgrass

(*Panicum antidotale*)

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Introduced from Australia, a perennial, warm-season bunchgrass; forms good-sized tough crowns by means of thick, short bulbous rhizomes; extensive root system. Grows up to 7 ft. tall, dark-green and wide-leaved with good fertility and water. It has nodes and long internodes on lower stems and branching from lower nodes is common when main stem is cut off. Tolerates drought and winter temperatures low as -20° F. High forage and seed producer, high in protein and minerals.

Establishment/Management: Plant in a well-prepared seedbed in the late spring after ground is warm. May fall-plant in south Texas and Mexico. Plant 1/4 inch deep and pack soil. **Rows:** 0.8 lbs. PLS per acre in 36-42" rows. **Broad-cast:** 1.5-2.0 lbs. PLS per acre.

Good management of utmost importance. Fertilize according to soil test; cultivation after first year improves production. Running chisel plow is very effective in renovating old stands. Protect from grazing until well established; rotation grazing improves quality. With ample moisture and fertilizer produces 20,000 lbs. green matter per acre per month during warm summer months.

Cut hay when about 1/4 plants are headed but before flowering appears. Harvest seed by direct combining when most seed-heads have ripe seed down to middle branches. Yields 100-500 lbs. seed per acre. (Mid-summer seed crop not usually filled.)

Adaptation/Use: Well adapted in the south into Mexico, on both light and heavy soils not too restricted in air space; soil fertility more important than texture. Good on dry or irrigated land, tolerant to highly alkaline water and soil when established.

Use for pasture, hay and crop rotation.





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