

# Indiangrass

(*Sorghastrum nutans*)

A warm-season native selection from a ranch near Lometa, Texas. Lometa, when mature, attains a height of approximately 4 feet. Long narrow leaves are blue-green and slightly waxy. Plants occur in large bunches joined by short, stout rhizomes. The seed head is light brown to straw-colored, and slightly fluffy.

**Establishment/Management:** Lometa should be planted in early spring 1/2-3/4" deep in rows or broadcast and firmed in a clean seedbed. May be planted on ranges (In range seeding mixtures or alone) in spring when soil is warm and where soil has been disturbed by erosion control or brush control practices.

Rows: 1.7 lbs. PLS per acre. Broadcast: 5 lbs. PLS per acre.

Management is especially important as Lometa is highly palatable and must be protected from over- grazing and control weeds until a good stand is established.

**Adaptation/Use:** Lometa is adapted to most soil types in Texas where rainfall averages exceed 22 inches. Drier areas will need supplemental moisture (runoff or irrigation).

Field plantings have yielded 10,000 lbs. forage per acre in ideal locations. Used for grazing, hay and seed production. Seed may be direct combined or swathed and then combined for best results.



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