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# Plains Bristlegrass

(*Setaria macrostochya*) (*Setaria leucopila*)



A native, perennial, warm-season, densely tufted bunchgrass growing 1-3 ft. tall with light-green, tender leaves. It has spike-like panicles 4-6" long with many bristles protruding. In its native state, it is frequently found on extremely dry sites, and growing in brush, prickly pear and places where livestock are unable to reach. Drought and heat resistant. In south and west Texas, it has some green leaves almost all winter. Readily grazed by livestock.

**Establishment/Management:** Seed viability is about 4 years. Seed does not germinate immediately after harvesting, but germination increases after storage. Drill or broadcast 1/4" deep; firm soil with picker-wheel or culti-packer. **Rows:** 2.0 PLS per acre. **Broadcast:** 2.7-4.0 PLS per acre. \*PLS- Pure Live Seed

Control weeds as necessary. Protect from grazing until stand established. Proper stocking, with rotation grazing is important for top protection. When given the chance, readily re-seeds naturally and spreads rapidly over range-



land in South Texas where brush is eradicated mechanically. Harvest seed May through summer either by combine or by hand. Seeds ripen in heads unevenly and shatter quickly; spread and dry after harvesting. Yields up to 500 LBS. seed per acre.

**Adaptation/Use:** Widely adapted in climate and soils; grows on deep or shallow sandy to clay soils over most of western and south Texas and in Mexico. Very drought resistant, grows in areas as low as 12" annual rainfall. Used primarily for grazing, but can be harvested for seed. Also can be seeded for range re-vegetation in mixture with other adapted grasses.



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