



DOUGLASS KING SEED CO.

Big Bluestem

Andropogon gerardii

Big Bluestem is a native warm season perennial; grass that forms 3 inch purple or green seed heads. It is a very tall, and erect grass. It tends to grow in dense stands and has a very deep root system. It provides excellent forage for cattle and makes good hay when cut at the onset of seed production. Its growth cycle is three to four months, beginning about early May and peaking in late June.

Portions of the stout, round stems are frequently bluish or purple. The leaves are rolled into tubes in the buds and unroll as they emerge, growing up to 2 feet long and less than 1/2 inch wide. Groups of three flowers form in dense, elongated clusters from a common point at the tops of the stalks. The flowering stems may produce several erect side branches, each with a cluster of flowers. The individual clusters are 2 to 4 inches long. Each hairy seed has a long, twisted, bristle-like awn.

Planting instructions: Plant 1 pls pound **per acre** drilled in rows or 1.5 pls pounds per acre when broadcasted.

Establishment: With time and without major disturbances, it will form a dense sod, and under the best growing conditions can reach 6 feet in height. Can establish in a variety of soil conditions, but develops best on fertile soil and in clay loam soils of the lowlands. Rainfall tends to be the most important factor in determining planting success. However, it can tolerate long periods of drought due to the extensive root system that can be up to 10 feet deep. It is a top choice for erosion control and one of the most palatable warm season grasses.





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