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Catarina Blend Bristlegrass (*Setaria leucopila*)



The Catarina blend of bristlegrass is a commercial blend of four bristlegrass collections from South Texas. One component is a plains bristlegrass, the other three components are streambed bristlegrass. These species of bristlegrass are native, perennial bunch-grasses. They produce seed from May to November. Their mature foliage height ranges from 1 to 4 feet tall.

Establishment/Management: Seeding should occur in early spring, or where there are few cool-season weeds, bristlegrass can be seeded in the fall. Seedbed preparation should begin well in advance of planting. Establish a clean, weed-free seedbed by either tillage or non-residual herbicides. Prior to planting, the site should be firm and have accumulated soil moisture.

Seed should be planted 1/8 to 1/4 inch deep. A seeding rate of 2 pounds of pure live seed (PLS) per acre is recommended. This corresponds to planting 20 live seeds per square foot; (When planting a mixture, the rate of bristlegrass should be reduced according to the total percentage desired in the mixture).

Bristlegrass can be seeded using a grass drill with a small seed box. Broadcast seeding may be used in areas not easily planted with a drill, but additional practices to encourage good seed to soil contact, such as culti-packing, harrowing, etc., may be necessary.

Catarina blend bristlegrass should not be grazed the first year. Once the stand is established, rotational grazing can be used. It is recommended that 4-10 inch stubble height be maintained.

Adaptation/Use: The Catarina blend of bristlegrass is recommended for use in upland wildlife plantings and in rangeland seed mixes. It can be used in many types of conservation plantings, such as riparian buffers and filter strips.



Seed Quality Traits

There are approximately 368,100 to 567,500 seeds per pound of bristlegrass. It should be noted that some of the collections that make up the Catarina blend have high seed dormancy.

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