



DOUGLASS KING SEED CO.

Kleberg Bluestem

(Andropogon annulatus)
(Dichanthium annulatus)

Native to India, China, North Africa and Egypt, found growing in Kleberg County, Texas by King Ranch Agronomist Nick Diaz who increased it. Introduced warm-season perennial. Growing in clumps & plants are erect and uniform with most of the leaves near the base. Numerous green slender stems 30" long become straw-colored at maturity, have white bearded nodes and seed heads with 2-10 purplish branches. Volunteers aggressively; excellent drought tolerance, some salinity tolerance. Good seed producer. Relished by cattle.

Establishment/Management: Plant on clean, firm, well-prepared seedbed early in spring to escape weed competition. Fall-plant provided seedlings can become well rooted before killing frost.

Rows: 2.0-3.0 lb. PLS per acre in 36-42" rows.

Drilled: 1.3-1.5 lbs. PLS per acre.

Plant 1/4" deep and firm soil. Close-drill or row- plant with most grass drills; a cotton planter with picker wheel boxes is efficient especially when seed is mixed with cottonseed hulls or similar material. On badly eroded fields or bare tank dams, broadcast hammer milled seed hay; where feasible press seed hay into soil with culti-packer or disk set straight.

Fertilize according to soil test. Control weeds. Protect from grazing until well established; defer grazing until after first growing season unless growing conditions are good and clump development is rapid. Remove no more than 2/3 of the leaf growth. Produces good to fair quality hay if cut every 4-6 weeks under favorable growing conditions. Cut in early bloom stage for best quality. Harvest seed with any properly adjusted grain combine; yields 50-100 lbs. per acre.



Adaptation/Use: Adapted for range seeding and pasture planting in medium to fine textured soils of the Eastern Edwards Plateau, Rio Grande Plains, Mexico, Blackland Prairies, Grand Prairie and Coastal Prairies of Texas. Recent seedings in the Trans-Pecos area of Texas are reported performing quite well. Good on fertile soils, medium on poor soils. Good production on rangeland on poor soils.

Used for erosion control, grazing and hay.



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