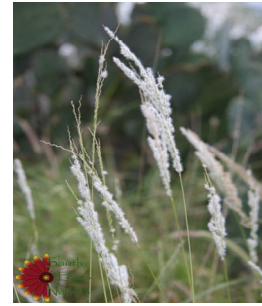




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La Salle Germplasm Arizona Cottontop (*Digitaria californica*)



La Salle Arizona cottontop is a warm season perennial bunchgrass native to southern Texas. The seed head measure 2 to 5 inches and bears a number of fluffy white seeds. Plants are 3 to 5 feet in height and can produce the cotton-like seedheads throughout the year. La Salle will readily reseed itself, and individual plants are long lived.

Establishment/Management: Plant in early spring or late summer in South Texas. Recommended rangeland seeding rate for pure stands is 1 1/2 to 2 pounds pure live seed per acre. (When used in a mixture, seeding rate should be adjusted according to the percentage of Arizona cottontop desired on the site).

Application of a seed coating is recommended to facilitate planting. Coated seed can be drilled or broadcasted. Seed should not be planted deeper than 1/4 inch. Best results are possible in clean, well prepared seedbeds; however La Salle will establish over time in existing vegetation. Plantings should be deferred from grazing or disturbance for 1 year after planting, and be monitored closely to prevent overgrazing (*La Salle will perform best under low intensity grazing systems*).

Plants should be allowed to set seed yearly to ensure vigorous stands. Mowing or burning old growth while dormant helps to stimulate seed and forage production. Plants can be mowed to 3 inches yearly with no adverse effects.

Adaptation/Use: La Salle performs well on most soil types, including sandy loam, clay, and clay loam soil types, with the exception of very sand soils. The good seedling vigor and rapid germination make it an excellent choice for planting after brush control or other disturbance.

Used in native rangeland restoration and wildlife plantings; provides cover and food for many species of native wildlife and good forage for livestock.



Seed Quality Traits

Seed quality ranges from 40-80% pure live seed. Active seed germination of La Salle is excellent when compared to other native grasses, averaging 63%. Up to 93% of active germination takes place 3-5 days from the onset of favorable conditions. Seed dormancy ranges from 10-15%. La Salle contains approximately 677,000 seeds per pound.

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