



Wilman Lovegrass

(*Eragrostis superba*)



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Wilman is a warm-season perennial bunchgrass introduced from South Africa. Wilman has been evaluated on a wide variety of soil types in Central and South Texas and appears to have survived cold winters with temperatures of -5° F. Although Wilman is of the same genus, it bears little resemblance to the well known varieties of Lovegrass. Prior to seed-head emergence, it looks much like Kleingrass (*P. coloratum*), to which it favorably compares in drought tolerant quality. Spring growth begins later than Kleingrass, yet reaches 2-4 ft. growth quickly. Used for grazing and hay. Wilman is an outstanding addition to native mixtures in land clearing and range improvement operations. Moderately successful stands have been established with minimum to no soil preparation. Initial stands tend to reseed and increase in density.

Establishment/Management: More failures result from shoddy seedbed preparation than any other single factor. Plant 1/2" deep on firm seedbed after last killing frost before June 1. Rows: 1-2 lbs. per acre in 36-42" rows. Broadcast: 2-4 lbs. per acre.

Best used in pure stand in a program including other grasses. Use fine seed drill or Planet, Jr. type planter. Sorghum stubble cover preferable in areas in danger of severe blowing (disk furrow openers necessary in trashy cover). Fertilize according to soil test. Cultivate row-plantings and mow broadcast seeding in first year to control weeds. Fence pastures for rotational grazing. Graze at young growing stage for higher food value; feed protein supplement with winter grazing since palatability decreases with maturity.



Cut hay before seed stems form; combine seed at medium-to-hard dough stage; yields up to 300 lbs. seed per acre dry land, and considerably more when irrigated.

Adaptation/Use: Some of the most widely adapted, long-lived perennials in southern U.S.; best on stabilized sandy loams; good on clay loams, tight exposed subsoil's, rocky areas and coarse sands. Well adapted to all well-drained soils in Texas and Mexico, especially in 16-or-more inches rainfall areas where 6-8 inches fall in summer. Wilman Lovegrass is adapted to lower rainfall areas -10-12 inches where 4-6 " fall in summer.

Used for winter, spring, early fall, and summer pasture; hay and erosion control. Wilman lovegrass, due to its spreading growth, is good on severely denuded range sites and for soil erosion control in watercourse areas.



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