



BIG BLUESTEAM

Millet

PRIMARY USES

Big Bluestem can be put in a mix with other warm season forages, or in a solid stand by itself, this grass provides excellent forage, palatability, and nutrition for all classes of livestock. It is also great sod former, erosion control, low maintenance turf plantings, and surface mine revegetation.

DESCRIPTION

Big Bluestem, *Andropogon gerardii*, is known by many people as the “King” of native grasses because of the quality and quantity of forage produced. It is a warm season, sod forming grass that prefers bottom land sites with good, well drained soils, but is adapted to many soil types. When left un-grazed or hayed, the mature plant turns reddish purple color in the fall with a “turkey foot” seed head. In a mix with other warm season forages, or in a solid stand by itself, this grass provides excellent forage, palatability, and nutrition for all classes of livestock.

PLANTING/SWING GUIDE

USDA recommends planting 1.5 pls/acre for grazing or hay. 2.0 pls/1000 Sq. Feet is recommended for turf or yards.

VARIETIES

- Bison
- Bonanza
- Bonilla
- Kaw
- Pawnee
- Rountree
- Sunnyview

BENEFITS

- Perennial
- Can grow to reach 4-6 ft. tall
- Good palatability
- Great adaptability
- Responds well to fertilizing
- Drought tolerant



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