

PINK PAPPUSGRASS

Pappophorum bicolor Fourn.

Plant Symbol = PABI2

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Uses

All livestock graze pink pappusgrass.

Status

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Description

Grass Family (Poaceae). Pink pappusgrass is a native, warm-season, perennial bunch grass. The height ranges from 1 to 2 feet. The leaf blade is narrow; flat or slightly rolled inward, giving a threadlike appearance when dry. The leaf sheath is

mostly basal, rounded, and shorter than the internodes. The ligule has a tuft of long hairs. The seedhead is a spike-like, pinkish panicle 4 to 5 inches long. The lemmas are somewhat hard and the end is dissected into about 12 awns of unequal length about as long as lemmas with the glumes transparent.

Management

This grass is seldom used as a key management species. It responds to proper use and deferred grazing during the growing season.

Establishment

Growth starts in late spring and early summer. Seedheads appear about 6 weeks later. Leaves remain green until the early fall. It reproduces from other seeds. It seldom grows in pure stands and grows best on deep loam to clay loam soils that are subject to overflow.

Cultivars, Improved and Selected Materials (and area of origin)

Please contact your local NRCS Field Office.

Reference

Leithead, H.L., L.L. Yarlett, & T.N. Shiflett. 1976. 100 native forage grasses in 11 southern states. USDA SCS Agriculture Handbook No. 389, Washington, DC.

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