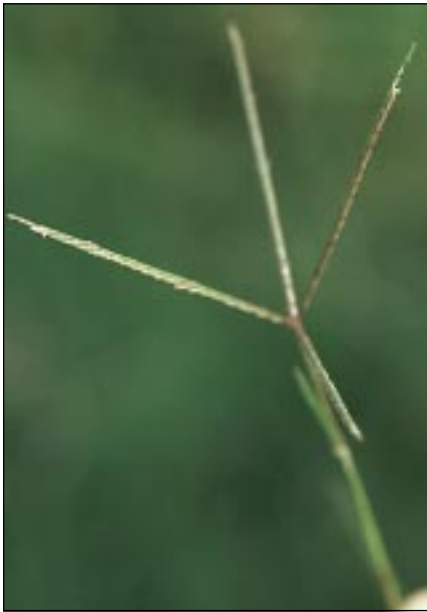


Bermudagrass

Cynodon dactylon



Description

Sod-forming, warm-season, perennial grass that spreads by rhizomes, stolons, and seed (common types of bermudagrass spread this way). Extremely drought tolerant. Hybrid bermudas should be used because of their improved quality and palatability compared to common types.

Uses

Hay and pasture.

Advantages

High yielding and highly responsive to nitrogen applications. Grows well during summer. Good sod former.

Disadvantages

Some varieties are more winter-hardy than others. Hybrids must be started from sprigs. Poor quality when overmature. Short growing season. Weeds can be a major problem during establishment.

Seeding

Rate: 30-50 bushels of sprigs/a*

Depth: 1-2 in

Date: Apr 15-Jun 15

Harvest

First harvest: Jun 15-Jul 1

Annual yield: 3-7 tons dry matter/a



*Higher rates give quicker ground cover.