

Tropical Grasses (spring/summer grown)

Variety

Seeding

Rate kg/ha

Comments

Baiha grass Æ¢

Competidor, Pensacola

2 - 4

Useful on second class country. Can become unpalatable and very dominant if not grazed short.

Buffel grass, Bilioela

Gayndah, American

1 - 4

Most widely planted grass in Queensland. Hardy, productive, loves fertile soils.

Creeping blue grass

Hatch, Bisset

1 - 4

A hardy, palatable grass. Will invade Speargrass and establish on heavy clays.

Bisset is better, roots at the nodes, better for erosion control

Gamba grass Æ¢ Kent

1 - 4

Well adapted to wetter sections of seasonal dry tropics. A very robust grass.

Guinea grass Æ¢ Hamil

Riversdale, Common

Coloniao, Makueni

2 - 6

Most important wet tropics grass but requires good soil fertility or effective legume.

Indian blue grass

(*Brothriochloa pertusa*)

Medway Bluegrass

1 - 2

A hardy, free seeding plant. Seed light, fluffy, hard to harvest and handle. Spreading widely in North Queensland.

Kikuyu Æ Whittet, Noonan

1 - 2

Does best in cool moist, elevated fertile basaltic tablelands. Has high fertility requirements.

Molasses grass

2 - 4

High rainfall pioneer grass. Carries fire well.

Panic grass

Green, Gatton

2 - 4

Green panic makes good growth in warm moist winter periods. Withstands shade well. Stands lower rainfall and cooler conditions than Guineas, more subtropical.

Bambasti

2 - 4

Good cool season greenness.

Paspalum

2 - 4

Will grow on wet flats in lower rainfall areas. Ergot on seedhead often a problem.

Purple pigeon greas Æ

Inverell

2 - 4

Establishes on clays where problems are encountered with other grasses.

Rhodes grass Æ

FineCut, TopCut

Pioneer, Callide, Katambora

1 - 4

Giant (Tefraploid) cultivars more palatable. Diploids more hardy. Some salt tolerance

Sabi grass Æ (Urochloa)

Nixon

1 - 4

Useful in dry tropics but needs some soil fertility or associated legume.

Setaria Æ Nandi, Kazungula

Narock, Solander, Splenda

2 - 4

Narok and Solander are frost tolerant forms. Mainly a coastal grass.

Signal grass & Basilisk

2 - 4

Valuable nitrogen fertilised grass in wet tropics. Can suppress legume mixtures.

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