

# Saltillo Germplasm

## Cane Beardgrass (*Bothriochloa barbinodis*)

### *Native Grasses for Conservation*

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Cane beardgrass is a native, perennial bunchgrass growing from eastern Texas to central and southern Arizona to northern Mexico. Saltillo germplasm cane beardgrass is derived from collections made in 1953 from the area between Saltillo and Torreon, Mexico. Saltillo germplasm cane beardgrass was evaluated in two initial evaluation plantings at the Tucson PMC. The 16 best performing accessions were used to establish a cane beardgrass advanced evaluation. The top performer in this trial, based upon superior vigor, forage production, and tolerance to drought and cold, became the Saltillo germplasm release. Saltillo germplasm cane beardgrass may be used as for erosion control plant on rangelands and critical areas such as abandoned cropland and road cuts. Seed of Saltillo germplasm for certified seed increase is available from the Tucson Plant Materials Center.

For more information on using Saltillo germplasm cane beardgrass contact the Tucson Plant Materials Center or your local NRCS office.

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