

pound of pure live seed (PLS) per acre is recommended. This corresponds to planting 20 to 40 live seeds per square foot. When planting a mixture, the rate of big sacaton should be reduced according to the total percentage desired in the mixture. Plants can also be grown in small containers and then transplanted for establishment of vegetative barriers in concentrated flow areas. On saline soils, weed-free mulch can be used to improve establishment. Establishment is highly dependent on good rainfall or irrigation.

Management

Big sacaton should not be grazed within the first year of planting. Contact your local NRCS office for assistance in developing a Prescribed Grazing Plan if it will be utilized for grazing. Big sacaton will benefit from an annual mowing at an 18-24 inch height when used as a vegetative barrier or herbaceous wind barrier and not subjected to grazing pressure.

Availability

Falfurrias Germplasm big sacaton (PI-434453) was released in 1998. Breeder seed will be maintained by the E. "Kika" de la Garza Plant Materials Center in conjunction with Texas Foundation Seed Service. Breeder seed may be obtained by contacting the PMC.

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