



RED RIVER CRABGRASS

KEY POSITIONING / BENEFITS

- **Red River crabgrass is one of the most palatable summer forages and according to the Noble Foundation can produce average daily gains of 1.8 pounds on medium quality crabgrass for steers and heifers.**
- **'Red River' crabgrass can produce as much as 10,000 to over 12,000 pounds of dry weight forage per acre under good moisture or irrigation.**
- **Red River crabgrass usually grows 18 –24" high and can produce enough seed for volunteer re-establishment.**
- **Crabgrass can also be managed to establish volunteer stands year after year.**

BACKGROUND

Crabgrass is believed to have evolved in Africa and made its way to Europe before it was introduced to the USA as a contaminant in feed and fodder. The parent plant for Red River crabgrass was one plant of hairy crabgrass: *Digitaria ciliaris*. In 1988 Red River crabgrass was officially named and released by the Noble Foundation. Red River crabgrass is successfully grown in an area extending from Kansas to the South and East coasts of the USA.

PLANTING DATES:

Southern OK.....Mid-March—Mid Summer
 Northern OK.....Mid-April—Mid Summer
 Overseed into bermudagrass.....Mid-Summer
 Overseed, No-Till, or Broadcast into small grains, ryegrass, and winter legumes.....February-April

PLANTING RATES

Recommended Seeding Rate.....3-5 PLS LB/Acre

PLANTING GUIDELINES

Seedbed.....Fine, Firm Seedbed
 Soil Temp.....65° and Rising
 Planting Depth.....0"-1/2"



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