Caucasian Bluestem
*Bothriochloa caucasica*

Description
Leafy, warm-season, perennial bunchgrass. Deep rooted and drought tolerant with fine stems. Grows 2 to 4 feet tall.

Uses
Pasture and hay.

Advantages
More uniform growth rates over summer season, more tolerant of close grazing than native warm-season grasses. Multiple cuttings possible.

Disadvantages
Fluffy seed that is hard to handle, slow to establish. Can become a weed in crop fields. No cover value for wildlife. Quality and animal acceptance declines rapidly with maturity compared to big bluestem and indiangrass.

Seeding
Rate: 2-4 lb/a PLS*
Depth: ¼-½ in
Date: Apr 15-Jun 1

Harvest
First harvest: Jun 15-Jul 15
Annual yield: 3-5 tons dry matter/a

*See page 8 for definition of PLS.*