Eastern Gamagrass
Tripsacum dactyloides

Description
Coarse, tall-growing, highly palatable, native warm-season perennial bunchgrass with thick rhizomes. Grows 4 to 6 feet tall.

Uses
Pasture, hay, and haylage.

Advantages
High yields and highly palatable to livestock. More even growth over entire season than switchgrass, big bluestem, or indiangrass. Will grow on wet sites.

Disadvantages
Somewhat expensive to seed. Seed can have high levels of dormancy leading to slow, uneven emergence and establishment. Must be rotationally grazed and rested in fall to persist.

Seeding
Rate: 7-10 lb/a
Depth: 1 in
Date: Apr 15-Jun 15

Harvest
First harvest: Jun 15
Annual yield: 4-6 tons dry matter/a