



Characteristics

Conservation Plant Characteristics

***Sorghastrum nutans* (L.) Nash**
Indiangrass
SONU2

Summary

Duration	Perennial	Federal T/E Status	
Growth Habit	Graminoid	National Wetland Indicator	UPL, FACW
U.S. Nativity			

Morphology/Physiology

Active Growth Period	Summer and Fall	Fruit/Seed Conspicuous	No
After Harvest Regrowth Rate	Moderate	Growth Form	Bunch
Bloat	None	Growth Rate	Moderate
C:N Ratio	Medium	Height at Base Age, Maximum	
Coppice Potential	No	Height at Maturity	6
Fall Conspicuous	No	Known Allelopath	No
Fire Resistant	No	Leaf Retention	No
Flower Color	Yellow	Lifespan	Long
Flower Conspicuous	No	Low Growing Grass	No
Foliage Color	Green	Nitrogen Fixation	
Foliage Porosity Summer	Dense	Resprout Ability	No
Foliage Porosity Winter	Porous	Shape and Orientation	Erect
Foliage Texture	Coarse	Toxicity	None
Fruit/Seed Color	Brown		

Growth Requirements

Adapted To Coarse Textured Soils	Yes	Moisture Use	Medium
Adapted To Medium Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Minimum	4.8
Adapted To Fine Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Maximum	8
Anaerobic Tolerance	Low	Planting Density Per Acre, Minimum	
CaCO3 Tolerance	High	Planting Density Per Acre, Maximum	
Cold Stratification Required	No	Precipitation, Minimum	11
Drought Tolerance	Medium	Precipitation, Maximum	45
Fertility Requirement	Low	Root Depth, Minimum	24
Fire Tolerance	High	Salinity Tolerance	Medium
Frost Free Days, Minimum	120	Shade Tolerance	Intolerant

Hedge Tolerance	None	Temperature, Minimum (°F)	-38
-----------------	------	---------------------------	-----

Reproduction

Bloom Period	Late Spring	Propagated By Cuttings	No
Commercial Availability	Routinely Available	Propagated By Seed	Yes
Fruit/Seed Abundance	Medium	Propagated By Sod	No
Fruit/Seed Period Begin	Summer	Propagated By Sprigs	No
Fruit/Seed Period End	Fall	Propagated By Tubers	No
Fruit/Seed Persistence	No	Seed Per Pound	174720
Propagated By Bare Root	No	Seed Spread Rate	Slow
Propagated By Bulbs	No	Seedling Vigor	Medium
Propagated By Container	No	Small Grain	No
Propagated By Corms	No	Vegetative Spread Rate	Moderate

Suitibility/Use

Berry/Nut/Seed Product	No	Palatable Browse Animal	Medium
Christmas Tree Product	No	Palatable Graze Animal	High
Fodder Product	Yes	Palatable Human	No
Fuelwood Product	None	Post Product	No
Lumber Product	No	Protein Potential	Medium
Naval Store Product	No	Pulpwood Product	No
Nursery Stock Product	No	Veneer Product	No

***Sorghastrum nutans* (L.) Nash**
Indiangrass
SONU2
Cultivar: Cheyenne

Summary

Duration	Perennial	Federal T/E Status	
Growth Habit	Graminoid	National Wetland Indicator	UPL, FACW
U.S. Nativity			

Morphology/Physiology

Active Growth Period	Summer and Fall	Fruit/Seed Conspicuous	No
After Harvest Regrowth Rate	Moderate	Growth Form	Bunch
Bloat	None	Growth Rate	Moderate
C:N Ratio	Medium	Height at Base Age, Maximum	
Coppice Potential	No	Height at Maturity	4
Fall Conspicuous	No	Known Allelopath	No
Fire Resistant	No	Leaf Retention	No
Flower Color	Yellow	Lifespan	Long

Flower Conspicuous	No	Low Growing Grass	No
Foliage Color	Green	Nitrogen Fixation	
Foliage Porosity Summer	Dense	Resprout Ability	No
Foliage Porosity Winter	Porous	Shape and Orientation	Erect
Foliage Texture	Coarse	Toxicity	None
Fruit/Seed Color	Brown		

Growth Requirements

Adapted To Coarse Textured Soils	Yes	Moisture Use	Medium
Adapted To Medium Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Minimum	5
Adapted To Fine Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Maximum	7.8
Anaerobic Tolerance	Low	Planting Density Per Acre, Minimum	
CaCO3 Tolerance	High	Planting Density Per Acre, Maximum	
Cold Stratification Required	No	Precipitation, Minimum	12
Drought Tolerance	Medium	Precipitation, Maximum	40
Fertility Requirement	Low	Root Depth, Minimum	24
Fire Tolerance	High	Salinity Tolerance	Medium
Frost Free Days, Minimum	160	Shade Tolerance	Intolerant
Hedge Tolerance		Temperature, Minimum (°F)	-23

Reproduction

Bloom Period	Fall	Propagated By Cuttings	No
Commercial Availability	Routinely Available	Propagated By Seed	Yes
Fruit/Seed Abundance	Medium	Propagated By Sod	No
Fruit/Seed Period Begin	Summer	Propagated By Sprigs	No
Fruit/Seed Period End	Fall	Propagated By Tubers	No
Fruit/Seed Persistence	No	Seed Per Pound	174720
Propagated By Bare Root	No	Seed Spread Rate	Slow
Propagated By Bulbs	No	Seedling Vigor	Medium
Propagated By Container	No	Small Grain	No
Propagated By Corms	No	Vegetative Spread Rate	Moderate

Suitibility/Use

Berry/Nut/Seed Product	No	Palatable Browse Animal	Medium
Christmas Tree Product	No	Palatable Graze Animal	High
Fodder Product	Yes	Palatable Human	No
Fuelwood Product	None	Post Product	No
Lumber Product	No	Protein Potential	Medium
Naval Store Product	No	Pulpwood Product	No
Nursery Stock Product	No	Veneer Product	No

***Sorghastrum nutans* (L.) Nash**

Indiangrass
SONU2
Cultivar: Holt

Summary

Duration	Perennial	Federal T/E Status	
Growth Habit	Graminoid	National Wetland Indicator	UPL, FACW
U.S. Nativity			

Morphology/Physiology

Active Growth Period	Summer and Fall	Fruit/Seed Conspicuous	No
After Harvest Regrowth Rate	Moderate	Growth Form	Bunch
Bloat	None	Growth Rate	Moderate
C:N Ratio	Medium	Height at Base Age, Maximum	
Coppice Potential	No	Height at Maturity	4
Fall Conspicuous	No	Known Allelopath	No
Fire Resistant	No	Leaf Retention	No
Flower Color	Yellow	Lifespan	Long
Flower Conspicuous	No	Low Growing Grass	No
Foliage Color	Green	Nitrogen Fixation	
Foliage Porosity Summer	Dense	Resprout Ability	No
Foliage Porosity Winter	Porous	Shape and Orientation	Erect
Foliage Texture	Medium	Toxicity	None
Fruit/Seed Color	Brown		

Growth Requirements

Adapted To Coarse Textured Soils	Yes	Moisture Use	Medium
Adapted To Medium Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Minimum	5
Adapted To Fine Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Maximum	7.5
Anaerobic Tolerance	Low	Planting Density Per Acre, Minimum	
CaCO3 Tolerance	High	Planting Density Per Acre, Maximum	
Cold Stratification Required	No	Precipitation, Minimum	12
Drought Tolerance	Medium	Precipitation, Maximum	35
Fertility Requirement	Low	Root Depth, Minimum	24
Fire Tolerance	High	Salinity Tolerance	Medium
Frost Free Days, Minimum	110	Shade Tolerance	Intolerant
Hedge Tolerance		Temperature, Minimum (°F)	-33

Reproduction

Bloom Period	Late Summer	Propagated By Cuttings	No
Commercial Availability	Routinely Available	Propagated By Seed	Yes
Fruit/Seed Abundance	Medium	Propagated By Sod	No
Fruit/Seed Period Begin	Summer	Propagated By Sprigs	No

Fruit/Seed Period End	Fall	Propagated By Tubers	No
Fruit/Seed Persistence	No	Seed Per Pound	174720
Propagated By Bare Root	No	Seed Spread Rate	Slow
Propagated By Bulbs	No	Seedling Vigor	Medium
Propagated By Container	No	Small Grain	No
Propagated By Corms	No	Vegetative Spread Rate	Moderate

Suitibility/Use

Berry/Nut/Seed Product	No	Palatable Browse Animal	Medium
Christmas Tree Product	No	Palatable Graze Animal	High
Fodder Product	Yes	Palatable Human	No
Fuelwood Product	None	Post Product	No
Lumber Product	No	Protein Potential	Medium
Naval Store Product	No	Pulpwood Product	No
Nursery Stock Product	No	Veneer Product	No

***Sorghastrum nutans* (L.) Nash**
Indiangrass
SONU2
Cultivar: Llano

Summary

Duration	Perennial	Federal T/E Status	
Growth Habit	Graminoid	National Wetland Indicator	UPL, FACW
U.S. Nativity			

Morphology/Physiology

Active Growth Period	Summer and Fall	Fruit/Seed Conspicuous	No
After Harvest Regrowth Rate	Moderate	Growth Form	Bunch
Bloat	None	Growth Rate	Rapid
C:N Ratio	Low	Height at Base Age, Maximum	
Coppice Potential	No	Height at Maturity	6
Fall Conspicuous	No	Known Allelopath	No
Fire Resistant	No	Leaf Retention	No
Flower Color	Yellow	Lifespan	Long
Flower Conspicuous	No	Low Growing Grass	No
Foliage Color	Green	Nitrogen Fixation	
Foliage Porosity Summer	Dense	Resprout Ability	No
Foliage Porosity Winter	Porous	Shape and Orientation	Erect
Foliage Texture	Coarse	Toxicity	None
Fruit/Seed Color	Brown		

Growth Requirements

Adapted To Coarse Textured Soils	Yes	Moisture Use	Medium
Adapted To Medium Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Minimum	4.5
Adapted To Fine Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Maximum	8
Anaerobic Tolerance	Low	Planting Density Per Acre, Minimum	
CaCO3 Tolerance	High	Planting Density Per Acre, Maximum	
Cold Stratification Required	No	Precipitation, Minimum	12
Drought Tolerance	Medium	Precipitation, Maximum	30
Fertility Requirement	Low	Root Depth, Minimum	24
Fire Tolerance	High	Salinity Tolerance	Medium
Frost Free Days, Minimum	150	Shade Tolerance	Intolerant
Hedge Tolerance	None	Temperature, Minimum (°F)	-23

Reproduction

Bloom Period	Late Spring	Propagated By Cuttings	No
Commercial Availability	Routinely Available	Propagated By Seed	Yes
Fruit/Seed Abundance	Medium	Propagated By Sod	No
Fruit/Seed Period Begin	Summer	Propagated By Sprigs	No
Fruit/Seed Period End	Fall	Propagated By Tubers	No
Fruit/Seed Persistence	No	Seed Per Pound	174720
Propagated By Bare Root	No	Seed Spread Rate	Slow
Propagated By Bulbs	No	Seedling Vigor	Medium
Propagated By Container	No	Small Grain	No
Propagated By Corms	No	Vegetative Spread Rate	Slow

Suitibility/Use

Berry/Nut/Seed Product	No	Palatable Browse Animal	Medium
Christmas Tree Product	No	Palatable Graze Animal	High
Fodder Product	Yes	Palatable Human	No
Fuelwood Product	None	Post Product	No
Lumber Product	No	Protein Potential	Medium
Naval Store Product	No	Pulpwood Product	No
Nursery Stock Product	No	Veneer Product	No

***Sorghastrum nutans* (L.) Nash**
Indiangrass
SONU2
Cultivar: Lometa

Summary

Duration	Perennial	Federal T/E Status	
Growth Habit	Graminoid	National Wetland Indicator	UPL, FACW

U.S. Nativity

Morphology/Physiology

Active Growth Period	Summer and Fall	Fruit/Seed Conspicuous	No
After Harvest Regrowth Rate	Rapid	Growth Form	Bunch
Bloat	None	Growth Rate	Moderate
C:N Ratio	Medium	Height at Base Age, Maximum	
Coppice Potential	No	Height at Maturity	4.5
Fall Conspicuous	No	Known Allelopath	No
Fire Resistant	No	Leaf Retention	No
Flower Color	Yellow	Lifespan	Long
Flower Conspicuous	No	Low Growing Grass	No
Foliage Color	Gray-Green	Nitrogen Fixation	
Foliage Porosity Summer	Dense	Resprout Ability	No
Foliage Porosity Winter	Porous	Shape and Orientation	Erect
Foliage Texture	Coarse	Toxicity	None
Fruit/Seed Color	Brown		

Growth Requirements

Adapted To Coarse Textured Soils	Yes	Moisture Use	Medium
Adapted To Medium Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Minimum	5
Adapted To Fine Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Maximum	7.5
Anaerobic Tolerance	Low	Planting Density Per Acre, Minimum	
CaCO3 Tolerance	High	Planting Density Per Acre, Maximum	
Cold Stratification Required	No	Precipitation, Minimum	16
Drought Tolerance	Medium	Precipitation, Maximum	35
Fertility Requirement	Low	Root Depth, Minimum	24
Fire Tolerance	High	Salinity Tolerance	Medium
Frost Free Days, Minimum	190	Shade Tolerance	Intolerant
Hedge Tolerance		Temperature, Minimum (°F)	-8

Reproduction

Bloom Period	Late Summer	Propagated By Cuttings	No
Commercial Availability	Routinely Available	Propagated By Seed	Yes
Fruit/Seed Abundance	High	Propagated By Sod	No
Fruit/Seed Period Begin	Summer	Propagated By Sprigs	No
Fruit/Seed Period End	Fall	Propagated By Tubers	No
Fruit/Seed Persistence	No	Seed Per Pound	168400
Propagated By Bare Root	No	Seed Spread Rate	Slow
Propagated By Bulbs	No	Seedling Vigor	Medium
Propagated By Container	No	Small Grain	No
Propagated By Corms	No	Vegetative Spread Rate	Moderate

Suitability/Use

Berry/Nut/Seed Product	No	Palatable Browse Animal	Medium
Christmas Tree Product	No	Palatable Graze Animal	High
Fodder Product	Yes	Palatable Human	No
Fuelwood Product	None	Post Product	No
Lumber Product	No	Protein Potential	Medium
Naval Store Product	No	Pulpwood Product	No
Nursery Stock Product	No	Veneer Product	No

***Sorghastrum nutans* (L.) Nash**
Indiangrass
SONU2
Cultivar: MN Common

Summary

Duration	Perennial	Federal T/E Status	
Growth Habit	Graminoid	National Wetland Indicator	UPL, FACW
U.S. Nativity			

Morphology/Physiology

Active Growth Period	Summer	Fruit/Seed Conspicuous	No
After Harvest Regrowth Rate	Slow	Growth Form	Bunch
Bloat	None	Growth Rate	Moderate
C:N Ratio	Medium	Height at Base Age, Maximum	
Coppice Potential	No	Height at Maturity	5
Fall Conspicuous	No	Known Allelopath	No
Fire Resistant	No	Leaf Retention	No
Flower Color	Yellow	Lifespan	Long
Flower Conspicuous	No	Low Growing Grass	No
Foliage Color	Green	Nitrogen Fixation	
Foliage Porosity Summer	Dense	Resprout Ability	No
Foliage Porosity Winter	Porous	Shape and Orientation	Erect
Foliage Texture	Medium	Toxicity	None
Fruit/Seed Color	Brown		

Growth Requirements

Adapted To Coarse Textured Soils	Yes	Moisture Use	Medium
Adapted To Medium Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Minimum	5
Adapted To Fine Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Maximum	7.5
Anaerobic Tolerance	Low	Planting Density Per Acre, Minimum	
CaCO3 Tolerance	Medium	Planting Density Per Acre, Maximum	

Cold Stratification Required	No	Precipitation, Minimum	18
Drought Tolerance	Low	Precipitation, Maximum	45
Fertility Requirement	Low	Root Depth, Minimum	24
Fire Tolerance	High	Salinity Tolerance	Medium
Frost Free Days, Minimum	120	Shade Tolerance	Intolerant
Hedge Tolerance		Temperature, Minimum (°F)	-24

Reproduction

Bloom Period	Late Spring	Propagated By Cuttings	No
Commercial Availability	Routinely Available	Propagated By Seed	Yes
Fruit/Seed Abundance	Medium	Propagated By Sod	No
Fruit/Seed Period Begin	Summer	Propagated By Sprigs	No
Fruit/Seed Period End	Fall	Propagated By Tubers	No
Fruit/Seed Persistence	No	Seed Per Pound	174720
Propagated By Bare Root	No	Seed Spread Rate	Slow
Propagated By Bulbs	No	Seedling Vigor	Medium
Propagated By Container	No	Small Grain	No
Propagated By Corms	No	Vegetative Spread Rate	Slow

Suitibility/Use

Berry/Nut/Seed Product	No	Palatable Browse Animal	Medium
Christmas Tree Product	No	Palatable Graze Animal	High
Fodder Product	Yes	Palatable Human	No
Fuelwood Product	None	Post Product	No
Lumber Product	No	Protein Potential	Medium
Naval Store Product	No	Pulpwood Product	No
Nursery Stock Product	No	Veneer Product	No

***Sorghastrum nutans* (L.) Nash**
Indiangrass
SONU2
Cultivar: Nebraska 54

Summary

Duration	Perennial	Federal T/E Status	
Growth Habit	Graminoid	National Wetland Indicator	UPL, FACW
U.S. Nativity			

Morphology/Physiology

Active Growth Period	Summer and Fall	Fruit/Seed Conspicuous	No
After Harvest Regrowth Rate	Moderate	Growth Form	Bunch
Bloat	None	Growth Rate	Rapid

C: N Ratio	Low	Height at Base Age, Maximum	
Coppice Potential	No	Height at Maturity	5
Fall Conspicuous	No	Known Allelopath	No
Fire Resistant	No	Leaf Retention	No
Flower Color	Yellow	Lifespan	Long
Flower Conspicuous	No	Low Growing Grass	No
Foliage Color	Green	Nitrogen Fixation	
Foliage Porosity Summer	Dense	Resprout Ability	No
Foliage Porosity Winter	Porous	Shape and Orientation	Erect
Foliage Texture	Coarse	Toxicity	None
Fruit/Seed Color	Brown		

Growth Requirements

Adapted To Coarse Textured Soils	Yes	Moisture Use	Medium
Adapted To Medium Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Minimum	5
Adapted To Fine Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Maximum	8
Anaerobic Tolerance	Low	Planting Density Per Acre, Minimum	
CaCO3 Tolerance	High	Planting Density Per Acre, Maximum	
Cold Stratification Required	No	Precipitation, Minimum	15
Drought Tolerance	Medium	Precipitation, Maximum	45
Fertility Requirement	Low	Root Depth, Minimum	24
Fire Tolerance	High	Salinity Tolerance	Medium
Frost Free Days, Minimum	120	Shade Tolerance	Intolerant
Hedge Tolerance	None	Temperature, Minimum (°F)	-33

Reproduction

Bloom Period	Fall	Propagated By Cuttings	No
Commercial Availability	Routinely Available	Propagated By Seed	Yes
Fruit/Seed Abundance	High	Propagated By Sod	No
Fruit/Seed Period Begin	Fall	Propagated By Sprigs	No
Fruit/Seed Period End	Fall	Propagated By Tubers	No
Fruit/Seed Persistence	No	Seed Per Pound	174720
Propagated By Bare Root	No	Seed Spread Rate	Slow
Propagated By Bulbs	No	Seedling Vigor	Medium
Propagated By Container	No	Small Grain	No
Propagated By Corms	No	Vegetative Spread Rate	Moderate

Suitibility/Use

Berry/Nut/Seed Product	No	Palatable Browse Animal	Medium
Christmas Tree Product	No	Palatable Graze Animal	High
Fodder Product	Yes	Palatable Human	No
Fuelwood Product	None	Post Product	No

Lumber Product	No	Protein Potential	Medium
Naval Store Product	No	Pulpwood Product	No
Nursery Stock Product	No	Veneer Product	No

***Sorghastrum nutans* (L.) Nash**
Indiangrass
SONU2
Cultivar: Osage

Summary

Duration	Perennial	Federal T/E Status	
Growth Habit	Graminoid	National Wetland Indicator	UPL, FACW
U.S. Nativity			

Morphology/Physiology

Active Growth Period	Summer and Fall	Fruit/Seed Conspicuous	No
After Harvest Regrowth Rate	Moderate	Growth Form	Bunch
Bloat	None	Growth Rate	Moderate
C:N Ratio	Medium	Height at Base Age, Maximum	
Coppice Potential	No	Height at Maturity	6.5
Fall Conspicuous	No	Known Allelopath	No
Fire Resistant	No	Leaf Retention	No
Flower Color	Yellow	Lifespan	Long
Flower Conspicuous	No	Low Growing Grass	No
Foliage Color	Green	Nitrogen Fixation	
Foliage Porosity Summer	Dense	Resprout Ability	No
Foliage Porosity Winter	Porous	Shape and Orientation	Erect
Foliage Texture	Coarse	Toxicity	None
Fruit/Seed Color	Brown		

Growth Requirements

Adapted To Coarse Textured Soils	Yes	Moisture Use	Medium
Adapted To Medium Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Minimum	5
Adapted To Fine Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Maximum	7.5
Anaerobic Tolerance	Low	Planting Density Per Acre, Minimum	
CaCO3 Tolerance	High	Planting Density Per Acre, Maximum	
Cold Stratification Required	No	Precipitation, Minimum	16
Drought Tolerance	Medium	Precipitation, Maximum	35
Fertility Requirement	Low	Root Depth, Minimum	24
Fire Tolerance	High	Salinity Tolerance	Medium
Frost Free Days, Minimum	165	Shade Tolerance	Intolerant
Hedge Tolerance		Temperature, Minimum (°F)	-23

Reproduction

Bloom Period	Fall	Propagated By Cuttings	No
Commercial Availability	Routinely Available	Propagated By Seed	Yes
Fruit/Seed Abundance	Medium	Propagated By Sod	No
Fruit/Seed Period Begin	Summer	Propagated By Sprigs	No
Fruit/Seed Period End	Fall	Propagated By Tubers	No
Fruit/Seed Persistence	No	Seed Per Pound	174720
Propagated By Bare Root	No	Seed Spread Rate	Slow
Propagated By Bulbs	No	Seedling Vigor	Medium
Propagated By Container	No	Small Grain	No
Propagated By Corms	No	Vegetative Spread Rate	Moderate

Suitibility/Use

Berry/Nut/Seed Product	No	Palatable Browse Animal	Medium
Christmas Tree Product	No	Palatable Graze Animal	High
Fodder Product	Yes	Palatable Human	No
Fuelwood Product	None	Post Product	No
Lumber Product	No	Protein Potential	Medium
Naval Store Product	No	Pulpwood Product	No
Nursery Stock Product	No	Veneer Product	No

Sorghastrum nutans (L.) Nash

Indiangrass

SONU2

Cultivar: Oto

Summary

Duration	Perennial	Federal T/E Status	
Growth Habit	Graminoid	National Wetland Indicator	UPL, FACW
U.S. Nativity			

Morphology/Physiology

Active Growth Period	Summer and Fall	Fruit/Seed Conspicuous	No
After Harvest Regrowth Rate	Moderate	Growth Form	Bunch
Bloat	None	Growth Rate	Moderate
C:N Ratio	Medium	Height at Base Age, Maximum	
Coppice Potential	No	Height at Maturity	6
Fall Conspicuous	No	Known Allelopath	No
Fire Resistant	No	Leaf Retention	No
Flower Color	Yellow	Lifespan	Long
Flower Conspicuous	No	Low Growing Grass	No

Foliage Color	Green	Nitrogen Fixation	
Foliage Porosity Summer	Dense	Resprout Ability	No
Foliage Porosity Winter	Porous	Shape and Orientation	Erect
Foliage Texture	Coarse	Toxicity	None
Fruit/Seed Color	Brown		

Growth Requirements

Adapted To Coarse Textured Soils	Yes	Moisture Use	Medium
Adapted To Medium Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Minimum	5
Adapted To Fine Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Maximum	7.8
Anaerobic Tolerance	Low	Planting Density Per Acre, Minimum	
CaCO3 Tolerance	High	Planting Density Per Acre, Maximum	
Cold Stratification Required	No	Precipitation, Minimum	15
Drought Tolerance	Medium	Precipitation, Maximum	24
Fertility Requirement	Low	Root Depth, Minimum	24
Fire Tolerance	High	Salinity Tolerance	Medium
Frost Free Days, Minimum	165	Shade Tolerance	Intolerant
Hedge Tolerance		Temperature, Minimum (°F)	-33

Reproduction

Bloom Period	Fall	Propagated By Cuttings	No
Commercial Availability	Routinely Available	Propagated By Seed	Yes
Fruit/Seed Abundance	Medium	Propagated By Sod	No
Fruit/Seed Period Begin	Summer	Propagated By Sprigs	No
Fruit/Seed Period End	Fall	Propagated By Tubers	No
Fruit/Seed Persistence	No	Seed Per Pound	174720
Propagated By Bare Root	No	Seed Spread Rate	Slow
Propagated By Bulbs	No	Seedling Vigor	Medium
Propagated By Container	No	Small Grain	No
Propagated By Corms	No	Vegetative Spread Rate	Moderate

Suitibility/Use

Berry/Nut/Seed Product	No	Palatable Browse Animal	Medium
Christmas Tree Product	No	Palatable Graze Animal	High
Fodder Product	Yes	Palatable Human	No
Fuelwood Product	None	Post Product	No
Lumber Product	No	Protein Potential	Medium
Naval Store Product	No	Pulpwood Product	No
Nursery Stock Product	No	Veneer Product	No

***Sorghastrum nutans* (L.) Nash**
Indiangrass

SONU2
Cultivar: Pawnee

Summary

Duration	Perennial	Federal T/E Status	
Growth Habit	Graminoid	National Wetland Indicator	UPL, FACW
U.S. Nativity			

Morphology/Physiology

Active Growth Period	Summer and Fall	Fruit/Seed Conspicuous	No
After Harvest Regrowth Rate	Moderate	Growth Form	Bunch
Bloat	None	Growth Rate	Moderate
C:N Ratio	Medium	Height at Base Age, Maximum	
Coppice Potential	No	Height at Maturity	6
Fall Conspicuous	No	Known Allelopath	No
Fire Resistant	No	Leaf Retention	No
Flower Color	Yellow	Lifespan	Long
Flower Conspicuous	No	Low Growing Grass	No
Foliage Color	Green	Nitrogen Fixation	
Foliage Porosity Summer	Dense	Resprout Ability	No
Foliage Porosity Winter	Porous	Shape and Orientation	Erect
Foliage Texture	Medium	Toxicity	None
Fruit/Seed Color	Brown		

Growth Requirements

Adapted To Coarse Textured Soils	No	Moisture Use	Medium
Adapted To Medium Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Minimum	4.8
Adapted To Fine Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Maximum	8
Anaerobic Tolerance	Low	Planting Density Per Acre, Minimum	
CaCO3 Tolerance	High	Planting Density Per Acre, Maximum	
Cold Stratification Required	No	Precipitation, Minimum	15
Drought Tolerance	Medium	Precipitation, Maximum	45
Fertility Requirement	Low	Root Depth, Minimum	24
Fire Tolerance	High	Salinity Tolerance	Medium
Frost Free Days, Minimum	150	Shade Tolerance	Intolerant
Hedge Tolerance		Temperature, Minimum (°F)	-23

Reproduction

Bloom Period	Late Spring	Propagated By Cuttings	No
Commercial Availability	Routinely Available	Propagated By Seed	Yes
Fruit/Seed Abundance	Medium	Propagated By Sod	No
Fruit/Seed Period Begin	Summer	Propagated By Sprigs	No
Fruit/Seed Period End	Fall	Propagated By Tubers	No

Fruit/Seed Persistence	No	Seed Per Pound	174720
Propagated By Bare Root	No	Seed Spread Rate	Slow
Propagated By Bulbs	No	Seedling Vigor	Medium
Propagated By Container	No	Small Grain	No
Propagated By Corms	No	Vegetative Spread Rate	Moderate

Suitibility/Use

Berry/Nut/Seed Product	No	Palatable Browse Animal	Medium
Christmas Tree Product	No	Palatable Graze Animal	High
Fodder Product	Yes	Palatable Human	No
Fuelwood Product	None	Post Product	No
Lumber Product	No	Protein Potential	Medium
Naval Store Product	No	Pulpwood Product	No
Nursery Stock Product	No	Veneer Product	No

Sorghastrum nutans (L.) Nash
Indiangrass
SONU2
Cultivar: Rumsey

Summary

Duration	Perennial	Federal T/E Status	
Growth Habit	Graminoid	National Wetland Indicator	UPL, FACW
U.S. Nativity			

Morphology/Physiology

Active Growth Period	Summer and Fall	Fruit/Seed Conspicuous	No
After Harvest Regrowth Rate	Moderate	Growth Form	Bunch
Bloat	None	Growth Rate	Moderate
C:N Ratio	Medium	Height at Base Age, Maximum	
Coppice Potential	No	Height at Maturity	6.5
Fall Conspicuous	No	Known Allelopath	No
Fire Resistant	No	Leaf Retention	No
Flower Color	Yellow	Lifespan	Long
Flower Conspicuous	No	Low Growing Grass	No
Foliage Color	Green	Nitrogen Fixation	
Foliage Porosity Summer	Dense	Resprout Ability	No
Foliage Porosity Winter	Porous	Shape and Orientation	Erect
Foliage Texture	Coarse	Toxicity	None
Fruit/Seed Color	Brown		

Growth Requirements

Adapted To Coarse Textured Soils	Yes	Moisture Use	Medium
Adapted To Medium Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Minimum	5
Adapted To Fine Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Maximum	7.5
Anaerobic Tolerance	Low	Planting Density Per Acre, Minimum	
CaCO3 Tolerance	High	Planting Density Per Acre, Maximum	
Cold Stratification Required	No	Precipitation, Minimum	18
Drought Tolerance	Medium	Precipitation, Maximum	45
Fertility Requirement	Low	Root Depth, Minimum	24
Fire Tolerance	High	Salinity Tolerance	Medium
Frost Free Days, Minimum	185	Shade Tolerance	Intolerant
Hedge Tolerance		Temperature, Minimum (°F)	-33

Reproduction

Bloom Period	Fall	Propagated By Cuttings	No
Commercial Availability	Routinely Available	Propagated By Seed	Yes
Fruit/Seed Abundance	Medium	Propagated By Sod	No
Fruit/Seed Period Begin	Summer	Propagated By Sprigs	No
Fruit/Seed Period End	Fall	Propagated By Tubers	No
Fruit/Seed Persistence	No	Seed Per Pound	174720
Propagated By Bare Root	No	Seed Spread Rate	Slow
Propagated By Bulbs	No	Seedling Vigor	Medium
Propagated By Container	No	Small Grain	No
Propagated By Corms	No	Vegetative Spread Rate	Moderate

Suitibility/Use

Berry/Nut/Seed Product	No	Palatable Browse Animal	Medium
Christmas Tree Product	No	Palatable Graze Animal	High
Fodder Product	Yes	Palatable Human	No
Fuelwood Product	None	Post Product	No
Lumber Product	No	Protein Potential	Medium
Naval Store Product	No	Pulpwood Product	No
Nursery Stock Product	No	Veneer Product	No

***Sorghastrum nutans* (L.) Nash**
Indiangrass
SONU2
Cultivar: Tomahawk

Summary

Duration	Perennial	Federal T/E Status	
Growth Habit	Graminoid	National Wetland Indicator	UPL, FACW
U.S. Nativity			

Morphology/Physiology

Active Growth Period	Summer and Fall	Fruit/Seed Conspicuous	No
After Harvest Regrowth Rate	Moderate	Growth Form	Bunch
Bloat	None	Growth Rate	Rapid
C:N Ratio	Low	Height at Base Age, Maximum	
Coppice Potential	No	Height at Maturity	4.5
Fall Conspicuous	No	Known Allelopath	No
Fire Resistant	No	Leaf Retention	No
Flower Color	Yellow	Lifespan	Long
Flower Conspicuous	No	Low Growing Grass	No
Foliage Color	Green	Nitrogen Fixation	
Foliage Porosity Summer	Dense	Resprout Ability	No
Foliage Porosity Winter	Porous	Shape and Orientation	Erect
Foliage Texture	Coarse	Toxicity	None
Fruit/Seed Color	Brown		

Growth Requirements

Adapted To Coarse Textured Soils	Yes	Moisture Use	Medium
Adapted To Medium Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Minimum	4.5
Adapted To Fine Textured Soils	Yes	pH, Maximum	8
Anaerobic Tolerance	Low	Planting Density Per Acre, Minimum	
CaCO3 Tolerance	High	Planting Density Per Acre, Maximum	
Cold Stratification Required	No	Precipitation, Minimum	16
Drought Tolerance	Medium	Precipitation, Maximum	35
Fertility Requirement	Low	Root Depth, Minimum	24
Fire Tolerance	High	Salinity Tolerance	Medium
Frost Free Days, Minimum	90	Shade Tolerance	Intolerant
Hedge Tolerance	None	Temperature, Minimum (°F)	-43

Reproduction

Bloom Period	Mid Spring	Propagated By Cuttings	No
Commercial Availability	Routinely Available	Propagated By Seed	Yes
Fruit/Seed Abundance	Medium	Propagated By Sod	No
Fruit/Seed Period Begin	Summer	Propagated By Sprigs	No
Fruit/Seed Period End	Fall	Propagated By Tubers	No
Fruit/Seed Persistence	No	Seed Per Pound	174720
Propagated By Bare Root	No	Seed Spread Rate	Moderate
Propagated By Bulbs	No	Seedling Vigor	Medium
Propagated By Container	No	Small Grain	No
Propagated By Corms	No	Vegetative Spread Rate	Moderate

Suitibility/Use

Berry/Nut/Seed Product	No	Palatable Browse Animal	Medium
Christmas Tree Product	No	Palatable Graze Animal	High
Fodder Product	Yes	Palatable Human	No
Fuelwood Product	None	Post Product	No
Lumber Product	No	Protein Potential	Medium
Naval Store Product	No	Pulpwood Product	No
Nursery Stock Product	No	Veneer Product	No

Time Generated: 04/07/2008 01:03 PM MDT

[Close Window](#)