

2012 Bermudagrass Report

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The forage cultivar evaluation program is a partnership between University of Tennessee Extension and UT AgResearch to aid producers in the selection of the best cultivars for their farm. This study was conducted using a randomized complete block design with three replications. The crop was grown using management practices considered to be the best for the crop, including fertilization according to soil test results.

Least significant difference (LSD) values at the 5 percent level are shown at the bottom of each table. Within any table, yields of any two varieties being compared must differ by at least this amount to be considered different. Also, coefficient of variation (CV) values are shown at the bottom of each table. This value is a measure of the consistency of yields found within each study, with lower CVs indicating less variability.

Table 1: Yield of bermudagrass varieties at the East Tennessee Research and Education Center at Knoxville.

	Yield (ton DM/acre)					
	2011	2012			2 Year	
Variety	Total	May 27	Aug 2	Total	Total	
Vaughn's #1	5.79*	2.02*	3.27*	5.29*	11.08*	
Midland 99	5.67*	1.81*	2.97	4.78*	10.45*	
Cheyenne II	5.85*	1.69*	2.82	4.50	10.35*	
Mohawk	5.23*	1.46	3.02	4.48	9.71	
Wrangler	5.40*	1.81*	3.21*	5.02*	10.42*	
JSC 0207	5.85*	1.57	3.40*	4.97*	10.81*	
JSC 1207	5.20*	1.98*	2.91	4.89*	10.09*	
LSD P=.05	0.69	0.39	0.31	0.58	1.05	
CV %	9	15	7	8	7	
* yielded statistically the same a	as the top-y	yielding var	riety			
Nitrogen Application: 100 lb/ac	re at green	-up and 10	0 lb/acre at	fter each ha	arvest	
Planted June 9, 2009						

Table 2: Yield of bermudagrass varieties at the Highland Rim Research and Education Center at Springfield.

	Yield (ton DM/acre)					
	2011	2012 2 Year				
Variety	Total	Jul 6	Aug 14	Total	Total	
Vaughn's #1	5.96*	2.70*	1.14*	3.83*	9.79*	
Cheyenne II	5.96*	3.15*	1.12*	4.27*	10.22*	
Mohawk	4.08	3.30*	1.20*	4.50*	8.58*	
Wrangler	4.61	3.09*	1.18*	4.27*	8.88*	
LSD P=.05	0.91	1.21	0.39	1.37	1.91	
CV %	15	27	24	23	16	
* yielded statistically the same as the top-yielding variety						
Nitrogen Application: 100 lb/acre at green-up and 100 lb/acre after each harvest						
Planted June 9, 2009						

Table 3: Variety Information

Variety	Supplier	Commercially Available		
Vaughn's #1	Vaughn's Bermudagrass	Yes		
Midland 99	Various	Yes		
Cheyenne II	Pennington Seed	Yes		
Mohawk	Pennington Seed	Yes		
Wrangler	Johnston Seed	Yes		
JSC 0207	Johnston Seed	Yes		
JSC 1207	Johnston Seed	Yes		

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