

2013 Bermudagrass Report

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.

Table 1: 2013 Yield of bermudagrass varieties at the Highland Rim Research and Education Center at Springfield.

Variety	Springfield						
	Yield (ton DM/acre)						
	2011 Total	2012 Total	2013				3 Year Total
			Jun 18	Jul 26	Sep 14	Total	
Vaughn's #1	5.96*	3.83*	2.33*	2.19*	1.45*	5.96*	15.75*
Midland 99	2.46	3.84*	2.02	2.04*	1.21*	5.27*	11.57
Cheyenne II	5.96*	4.27*	2.75*	1.29	1.27*	5.31*	15.54*
Mohawk	4.08	4.50*	2.51*	1.57	1.28*	5.36*	13.94*
Wrangler	4.61	4.27*	2.41*	1.50	1.37*	5.28*	14.16*
JSC 0207	2.29	4.24*	2.15*	1.46	1.16	4.77	11.31
JSC 1207	2.89	4.30*	2.10*	1.45	1.20*	4.75	11.94
LSD P=0.05	1.11	1.68	0.69	0.49	0.28	0.88	2.45
* 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 2: 2013 Yield of bermudagrass varieties at the East Tennessee Research and Education Center at Knoxville.

Variety	Knoxville						
	Yield (ton DM/acre)						
	2011 Total	2012 Total	2013				3 Year Total
May 12			Jul 15	Aug 29	Total		
Vaughn's #1	5.79*	5.29*	4.42*	1.90*	3.11*	9.43*	22.94*
Midland 99	5.67*	4.78*	4.15	2.44*	3.08*	9.67*	22.47*
Cheyenne II	5.85*	4.50	4.62*	1.60*	2.83*	9.06*	22.13*
Mohawk	5.23*	4.48	4.47*	1.91*	2.60*	8.98*	21.07*
Wrangler	5.40*	5.02*	4.72*	1.68*	2.79*	9.19*	21.84*
JSC 0207	5.85*	4.97*	5.19*	2.02*	2.77*	9.99*	20.80*
JSC 1207	5.20*	4.89*	4.08	1.90*	2.77*	8.74*	18.83
LSD P=0.05	0.84	0.71	1.03	0.89	0.86	1.78	2.74
* 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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