

NEW  
RELEASE

# PRAIRIE FARM CORDGRASS

*Marketed exclusively by Millborn Seed Company  
Brookings, SD*



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TALLER AND MORE BIOMASS

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### DESCRIPTION

Prairie cordgrass is a perennial grass that regrows from thick rootstocks each year. It reaches 10 feet tall, including flowering stalks. It is strongly rhizomatous, spreading rapidly and forming thick swards. Its dark-green color turns to yellow-gold in the fall. About 175,000 seeds weigh one pound.

### USE

Prairie cordgrass grows where upland-adapted plants cannot survive. It provides incomparable year-round habitat for wildlife because it greens up early and its robust stems resist lodging from heavy rain and blowing snow. If harvested early, cordgrass makes fair-quality hay. Because it produces up to 10 tons of dry matter/acre, it has high potential as a biofuel feedstock.

### ESTABLISHMENT

Prairie cordgrass can be established by planting greenhouse plugs or sowing seed in the spring or by drilling into dry ground in the late summer or fall.

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*In SD, this variety produces more biomass, grows taller, and is less susceptible to rust than "Red River" cordgrass.*

Prairie cordgrass is a native grass known as ripgut, slough grass, and marsh grass. Its competitive nature and tolerance to flooding and alkalinity make it a highly desirable species to plant on low ground where it can outcompete undesirable plants, including thistles.

### HABITAT/DISTRIBUTION

Prairie cordgrass grows naturally in shallow wetlands and on sub-irrigated ground, tolerating both spring flooding and late summer drought. It thrives on marginal land between crops and more permanent wetlands. Cordgrass is found in a wide variety of climatic conditions throughout the Great Plains in the U. S. and Canada.

### AVAILABILITY

This is the first commercial offering of "Prairie Farm" cordgrass. The seed source is from a natural population in south-eastern SD. It is produced only on the EcoSun Prairie Farm.



Prairie Farm Cordgrass at EcoSun Farm