

Bisset Creeping Bluegrass (*Bothriochloa insculpta*)

Bisset Creeping Bluegrass is a full season stoloniferous grass that is suited to soils ranging from poor, gravelly through to clay-loams. Bisset grows up to 1.5 metres high and provides excellent stand-over feed in autumn and winter as it retains its palatability after frost.

Advantages

- suited to light soils
- palatable
- fine leaf and stem
- excellent spreading ability
- drought tolerant
- hardy
- 450 mm+ rainfall

Seeding rate

Straight 15 kg/ha Mixes 4 – 8 kg/ha

Planting

Sowing depth should not exceed 1 cm. Seed will germinate when temperature reaches 16°C and rising. Seed to soil contact is important for strong early germination.

General fertilisation guide

Bisset is very efficient in its nitrogen use and does perform well on poorer soils. However, in systems that are demanding higher production, nitrogen along with all other nutrient quantities should be assessed and adjusted as needed. All fields vary in their fertiliser requirements so to ensure good fertility it is best to consult your local Agronomist for further advice.

Growing management

Bisset is well suited to lower fertility soils and provides good quality feed during the autumn and feed gaps. It is often grown in conjunction with Rhodes grass and other legumes to assist in filling winter and autumn feed gaps for paddocks being grazed year-round.

Fodder quality

No toxicity issues for horses have been recorded. Feed quality declines with maturity. Crude proteins of 10% have been observed, protein level significantly drop with onset of seed head.

