

Download Grass Pasture Identification Guide

Missouri

This identification card details eight of the most prevalent species of grass in Missouri. The front includes illustrations of each species and identifying characteristics. The grasses are found across a wide range of habitats, from prairies and open woods to streams and wet lands. Native Warm-Season Grass Pastures Adding native warm-season grasses to pasture systems has resulted in increased gains on yearling cattle and improved performance of cow-calf herds during the summer when cool-season grasses (fescue, bluegrass) stop growing. Missouri has 276 species in the grass family, including well-known crop plants and our native prairie grasses. Distinguishing between the species can be difficult, but it's easy to learn some basics about the group. Forages and Weeds of Pastures is intended to help producers to select forages for pasture-based systems by comparing key characteristics of some 30 cool-season and warm-season grasses and legumes. Numerous color photographs assist in species identification. Included are descriptions and photos of more than 50 weeds common to Missouri pastureland.