

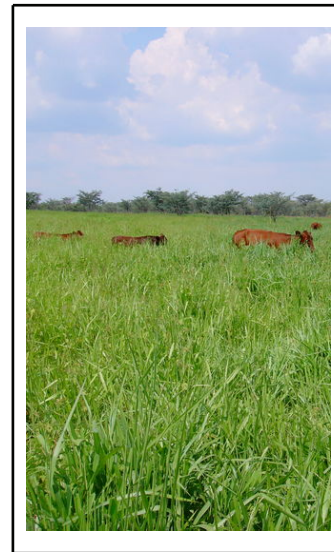
Tropical Grasses

Tropical pasture grasses cover a wide range of species. The environments in which they are grown include the wet tropics and the semi-arid tropics. Most of the species are perennials and are characterized by possessing the efficient C4 photosynthesis pathway...

Marandu

(Brachiaria)

- Good persistence under grazing
- High seed production potential
- Tall type, are well suited to cutting



- Permanent pasture for grazing and cutting for fresh feed
- *B. brizantha* intergrades with *Brachiaria decumbens* and the species may be difficult to distinguish. The main differences is in growth habit with *B. brizantha* more tufted and *B. decumbens* more decumbent and forming a denser cover
- Good persistence under grazing
- More compatible with legumes than some other *Brachiaria* spp
- Tall type, are well suited to cutting
- High seed production potential
- Best adapted to the humid and sub-humid tropic areas
- *B. brizantha* is a warm-season grass. Leaves are frost-sensitive but the plants survive slight frost
- Seed should be broadcast at 5-10 kg/ha onto a well-prepared seedbed and then lightly harrowed and rolled