



# **2025 SEED LIST**

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**“The Crabgrass Seed Folks”**



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**2024 ‘Quick-N-Big™ Crabgrass’, ‘Quick-N-Big Spreader™ Crabgrass’, ‘Quick-N-Big Spreader 19<sup>PVP</sup> Crabgrass’, ‘Dal’s Big River™ Crabgrass’, Seed Price List & Management Information (see below and on page 2).**

<b>Seed Variety</b>	<b>Seed Price/Net lb. FOB Thomas, OK 73669</b>
<b><u>‘Quick-N-Big™ Crabgrass: Certified Class, Aged Seed</u></b>	<b>\$7.50</b>
<b><u>‘Quick-N-Big Spreader™ Crabgrass: Certified Class, Aged Seed</u></b>	<b>\$6.50</b>
<b><u>‘Quick-N-Big Spreader 19<sup>PVP</sup> Crabgrass: Certified Class, Aged Seed</u></b>	<b>\$8.50</b>
<b><u>Dal’s Big River™ Crabgrass; Certified Class, Aged Seed</u></b>	<b>\$5.00</b>

**DEALERS WELCOME (Dealer Discount Available)**

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**‘Quick-N-Big™ Crabgrass’, ‘Quick-N-Big Spreader™ Crabgrass’, and ‘Dal’s Big River™ Crabgrass Are All Trademarked Proprietary Varieties of Dalrymple Farms. ‘Quick-N-Big Spreader 19<sup>PVP</sup> Crabgrass is a Plant Variety Protected variety of Dalrymple Farm. That Information Is Provided On The Seed Bag, The Red Tag On The Seed Bag, And On This Seed List Information.**

We can provide less seed than 25 lbs. as needed. “Aged” seed is seed that is over 1 year old, after harvest. “Aged” seed typically has very low or zero dormancy, and also more uniformity of germination and speed of germination is at upper level. When non-certified seed is available, it may cost less per pound. All seed is in 25 lb. poly bags unless less seed is requested.

## **“IMPROVED ‘BIG’ CRABGRASS VARIETIES FOR PASTURE, HAY AND SILAGE”**

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## **“CRABGRASS VARIETIES AND FORAGE”**

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## **VARIETY CRABGRASS INFORMATION**

This year of 2025 marks the 34<sup>th</sup> year that Dalrymple Farm has provided improved forage crabgrass seed. We started providing forage crabgrass seed simply because of early family experience (Dad’s pasture), and our research on crabgrass at Noble Foundation, Ardmore, OK.

Dalrymple Farm, now has four very productive, BIG, forage crabgrass varieties: “Quick-N-Big™”, “Quick-N-Big Spreader™” and the final release, “Quick-N-Big Spreader 19<sup>PVP</sup>”, and “Dal’s Big River™”. All of these varieties (cultivars) has its own unique characteristics, but they are all BIG, upper

level quick forage producers of high palatability, high quality, and good for grazing, hay and grass silage.

In brief summary, “Dal’s Big River™” is a highly productive and runner capable grass and exactly the same as true “Red River” released by Noble Foundation decades ago. That is not true with much “Red River” in the general seed trade. It can be “anything”.

Dalrymple Farm has three BIG crabgrass varieties with part of the name of each being “Quick-N-Big™”. That is due to these varieties, being “quick” to germinate, “quick” to grow and they get “BIG” with each capable of getting up to 48 inches tall. But they should usually be used before that. All “Quick-N-Big™” crabgrass varieties sprout quicker than “Dal’s Big River™” and early growth is much faster, getting ready to graze or hay about two weeks sooner than “Dal’s Big River™”.

“Quick-N-Big™” crabgrass basically grows much like wheat does in the spring. It stools tremendously and is capable of making over 100 stems per plant, but it does not make runners or abundant decumbent stems. “Quick-N-Big Spreader™” Crabgrass is much like “Quick-N-Big™” Crabgrass except it has abundance decumbent (sloping) stems if there is space. That should give it more spread and protection from short grazing or mowing, and treading into the mud etc.



Quick-N-Big Spreader 19, 3 ft. tall at early hay stage.

“Quick-N-Big Spreader 19<sup>PVP</sup>” Crabgrass came from the one best selection of the very productive “spreader” crabgrasses. It has the best basal “spreading” capability. These “spreader” types must also have room to spread. If the stand is “very thick” they cannot spread very much.

Back in the early research of the Big Crabgrass varieties, we studied the effects of excellent seedbed and soil types on resulting stands. The Crabgrass variety here was “Dal’s Big River™.” On silt loam soils, the average emergence depth was 0.37”, with zero emergence of 1” deep or more. On loamy fine sand soils, the average emergence depth was 0.49”, with some emergence of 1.3”. This is a testimony that, whenever a sandy type soil is available, it’s easiest to get good stands. On these sandy soils 86% of the stand came from 0.7” depth and less.

This data supports the recommendation to have a very good seedbed, smooth as feasible, and planting as shallow as possible, ¼”-½” deep. Essentially, no seedlings emerge from 1’ depth or more. Basically, plant these varieties as shallow as humanly possible.

The research information below has been shown before, but it’s excellent information for crabgrass forage and is presented herein again. Among the better comparisons of beef cattle gains on Crabgrass, have come from a practicing cattleman. Stocker cattle grazing Bermuda grass (probably Midland variety) gained 1.0 lbs ADG (average daily gain) whereas cattle grazing Crabgrass (probably ‘Red River’ Crabgrass variety) gained 1.75 lbs. ADG. Lots of head of cattle, and many years. Very good information! Beef calf gains were 75% better from Crabgrass pasture. A Tennessee cattleman reported an ADG from ‘Red River’ Crabgrass at 2.5 lbs., whereas ADG from summer fescue was 0.3 lbs.

During a period of 12 years of record keeping by this author, of stocker cattle pounds ADG at Noble Foundation, the following summaries are shown:

Pounds ADG on <u>poor to fair</u> (mature, drying, etc.) Crabgrass pasture:	<u>1.11</u>
Pounds ADG on <u>medium to good</u> Crabgrass pasture:	<u>1.86</u>
Pounds ADG on <u>excellent to lush</u> Crabgrass pasture:	<u>2.36</u>
(And with a high of <u>2.87 lbs. ADG summer longterm for the best gaining herd</u> )	

Technique of grazing is important too. A 75 day study of First and Second Grazers was demonstrated. The system is this, the herd managed for top pounds gain got the “first bite”, the best grass, and the best way to gorge on the pasture, and then the best gain. The Second Grazers, ate the leftovers, but still at minimum of 3 inches tall up to 12-18 inches tall. With that all in mind:

First Grazers: Had an ADG of 2.75 lbs. (Very good!)  
(One steer named “Hero” had an ADG of 3.57 lbs.)  
Initial Wt. of the herd: 361 lbs.

Second Grazers: Had ADG of 0.77 lbs.  
(These were 968 lbs./head bred heifers that had good pasture for growing heifers)

In all the years of recording beef cattle gains (or possible loss) on Crabgrass pasture at Noble Foundation (1974 to 2001), and elsewhere, there was never a negative gain observed.