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Notice of the Naming and Release of a Variety of Little Bluestem
(Andropogon scoparius)

The Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station, the Plant Sciences Division, Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and the Crops Research Division, Agricultural Research Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, announce the release of "Aldous" little bluestem (Andropogon scoparius).

The variety, named for the late A. E. Aldous, originated from accessions collected in 1935 from Flint Hills native grasslands south of Manhattan, Kansas. A composite of the progeny of these accessions was made after several generations of selection and evaluated under the designation KG-1580.

Aldous is tall, leafy, vigorous, medium late in maturity, and more uniform than field-run accessions. It produces abundant forage and under favorable conditions, good seed yield. Aldous possesses some resistance to rust. Plans are underway to release Aldous on June 1, 1966.

Only foundation seed of Aldous is available to seed growers. Seed may be obtained from the Plant Materials Center, Soil Conservation Service, Manhattan, Kansas.

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