



Natural Resources Conservation Service
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April 28, 2003

SUBJECT: ECS – Plant Materials Center – Discontinuing Release File Code: 190-18
Production

TO: Michael Somerville
State Conservationist, NRCS
Phoenix, AZ

Your request to discontinue the foundation production and maintenance of ‘A-67’ lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*) has been approved.

The National PMC has reviewed the status of this release. The material is currently in long-term preservation with the National Plant Germplasm System (NPGS) and is available to researchers through the NPGS.

I strongly encourage you to send a notice to cooperators of this release and NRCS offices in states which may be using ‘A-67’ and inform them that foundation production and the development of technology related to this release has been discontinued. You might also suggest that they may want to consider removing ‘A-67’ from conservation standards and recommendations because the release has limited or no availability on the commercial market.

The National PMC will officially mark ‘A-67’ as “discontinued” and will remove this release from appropriate lists, such as on the Web site and in national PM publications as revisions are made to these documents.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 720-0536 or John Englert at the National PMC at (301) 504-8175.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard S. White".

RICHARD S. WHITE
Program Leader for Plant Materials
Ecological Sciences Division

Attachment

cc:

Diane Gelburd, Director, Ecological Sciences Division, NRCS, Washington D.C.
James Briggs, Assistant State Conservationist, NRCS, Phoenix, AZ
Ramona Garner, PMC Manager, NRCS, Tucson, AZ
John Englert, PMC Manager, NRCS, Beltsville, MD

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Request to Discontinue PMC Production of a Plant Materials Release

Requesting PMC: Tucson Date: 3/31/03

Requestors Name: E. Ramona Gamer

Species Name: lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*)

Release Name: A-67 PI 477012

Reason for Discontinuing the Release (check all that apply):

- No or Limited Foundation Seed Requested
- No or Limited Commercial Production
- Replaced by Improved Release(s)
- Considered Invasive and Potentially Harmful to the Environment
- Other (indicate) _____

Justification for dropping the release (provide brief details):
The Tucson PMC has had no requests for foundation seed of this material.

*OK back through 1996 +
JMS*

Attach relevant documentation, such as production information, evaluation information, or the environmental evaluation

Has the National Plant Germplasm System been contacted for Long Term Storage
X Yes No Explain: Maintained by Western Regional PI Station, Pullman, WA. NPGS received 1980

OK JMS

Recommended By:

James A. Briggs 4-2-03
James A. Briggs Date
Arizona Assistant State Conservationist/Technology

Approvals:

Michael Somerville 4/4/03 Approved
Michael Somerville Date Not Approved
Arizona State Conservationist

Richard S. White 4/30/03 Approved
Richard S. White Date Not Approved
National Program Leader, Plant Materials

**Once approved, the PMC should discontinue Foundation production. The PMC should also notify Certification Agencies, commercial nurseries, and NRCS S.O. in states that may recommend it as a conservation plant. All State Offices should remove the release from the all NRCS Technical Guides. Specific courses of action may vary depending on the release and the reason for which the release is being discontinued.