



Natural Resources Conservation Service  
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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-130**' blue panic (*Panicum antidotale*) 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-130' 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-130' from conservation standards and recommendations because the release has limited or no availability on the commercial market.

The National PMC will officially mark 'A-130' 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:** Blue Panic (*Panicum anidotale*)

**Release Name:** A-130 PI 469224

**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 for more than 10 years. Past seed requests have been for foreign use.

*OK  
JMG*

**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  
 **Yes**  **No Explain:** Maintained by Southern Regional PI Station, Griffin, WA. NPGS received 1982

*OK  
JMG*

**Recommended By:**

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

**Approvals:**

*Mike Somerville* 4/4/03 Approved   
Michael Somerville Date Not Approved

*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.