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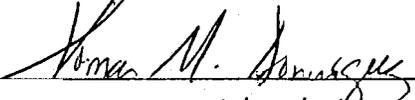
NOTICE OF THE RELEASE OF 'SOUTHWIND' COMMON REED

The United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station announce the naming and release of 'Southwind' common reed [*Phragmites australis* (Cav.) Trin. ex Steud.]. It was developed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA, and released in cooperation with the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. (This common reed has been assigned the permanent number 9050017.)

Vegetative collections were made at Pottawatomie Co., Kansas and Woodward Co., Oklahoma and planted adjacent to each other at the Plant Materials Center, Manhattan, Kansas. Over the past 18 years the two accessions have commingled to become what is now one accession.

'Southwind' has been extensively evaluated in replicated and nonreplicated plantings. Advantages over existing cultivars are (1) improved adaptation, (2) plant vigor, and (3) rate of spread. Present common reed cultivars are adapted only as far north as Oklahoma. The full range of adaptability of 'Southwind' outside of Kansas is inconclusive. Plantings indicated survival and adaptation to the southern half of Nebraska.

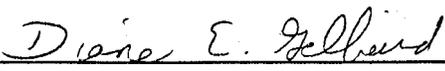
Foundation and certified class rhizomes of 'Southwind' common reed will be recognized. Foundation rhizomes will be produced and maintained by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Manhattan Plant Materials Center, Manhattan, Kansas, under the supervision of the Kansas Crop Improvement Association.

  
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