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## Certified Bermudagrass *Preliminary* Buyers Guide

### IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Final certification is contingent only on a satisfactory field inspection. This publication has been prepared to provide a list of certified growers. All certified grass shipments must be identified with a certification tag or letter of certification.

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## **Consumer Notice**

The certification process is limited to inspections that verify easily observable phenotypic characteristics of a variety as described by the originator of a variety and when applicable adhere to published seed quality standards.

The Georgia Crop Improvement Association is an organization of farmers and others who are interested in growing and making available to the public, through certification, high quality seeds and propagating materials of superior varieties so grown and distributed as to insure genetic purity and identity. The Georgia Crop Improvement Association was organized in 1946, and made the legal certifying agency by passage of House Bill 104 in 1956. This bill was superseded by Senate Bill 583 in July of 1997 and Senate Bill 390 in 2012. Both bills authorized the Dean of the University of Georgia College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences to designate the Georgia Crop Improvement Association as the legal certifying agency in Georgia.

The acreage listed in this directory is grown by members of the Georgia Crop Improvement Association and is based on acres for which the grower applied. Final certification is not complete until a satisfactory field inspection has been made.

# Certified Bermudagrass Varieties Available in Georgia

(F – Foundation, R – Registered, C – Certified)

## Coastal

Coastal Bermudagrass developed cooperatively by USDA/ARS and the Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station is a F1 hybrid between Tift Bermudagrass and an African Bermudagrass. It is vegetatively propagated and has longer leaves and stems, grows taller and spreads faster than common Bermudagrasses. It is more resistant to disease, nematodes and frost, and is more palatable than the common types. Coastal Bermudagrass can be used for pasture, hay or silage and can be expected to produce more dry matter than common Bermudagrass throughout Georgia.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
Boggy Branch Farm, Inc.	1.00	C

## Russell

Russell Bermudagrass is believed to be a natural hybrid between Callie and a common Bermudagrass ecotype, and exhibits an overall appearance similar to a robust common Bermudagrass ecotype. Leaf color is slightly darker, leaves are narrower, and stem size at recommended harvest intervals of 4 to 5 weeks is smaller, than “Coastal”. Internodes are shorter than Coastal, but forage growth is more dense, thus allowing excellent forage yields despite a lower height at harvest time. It produces viable seed, but for field scale establishment, only vegetative propagation is deemed feasible.

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Verner Farms, LLC	4.00	C

## Tifton 44

Tifton 44 is a hybrid Bermudagrass released by USDA/ARS and the Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station, Tifton, GA in 1978. It is a fine-stemmed F-1 hybrid that must be propagated vegetatively. Tifton 44 is darker green, has finer stems that cure faster when cut for hay, has more rhizomes, plant height is shorter, makes a denser sod and is more winter hardy when compared to Coastal.

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Verner Farms, LLC	20.00	C

## Tifton 85

Tifton 85 is taller, has larger stems, broader leaves and a darker green color than other Bermudagrass hybrids. It has very large rapidly spreading stolons but few rhizomes. In two 3-year replicated small plot tests conducted beginning in 1985 and 1989, Tifton 85 compared with Coastal Bermudagrass, produced an average of 26% more dry matter that was 11% more digestible.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
Boggy Branch Farm, Inc.	12.00	R
Boggy Branch Farm, Inc.	28.00	C
Verner Farms, LLC	4.00	C

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