

Species: *Urochloa spp.*

Variety name	Release name	Year of release	Owner(s) licensee	Maintainer and source	Areas of production	Maturity duration	Yield (t/ha)	Special attributes
1. Cayman	Cayman	2016	Advantage seeds	ACL /Tropical Seeds LLC	Moderately fertile to fertile soils in areas with 500 mm seasonal rains	3.0, 1.5 - 2.5 for regrowth	10.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An apomictic hybrid Brachiaria grass ▪ High tolerance to drought and high persistence and can maintain over 83% soil cover even four years after establishment ▪ High regrowth capacity; and good tolerance to waterlogging, Highly nutritional quality fodder ▪ Has good qualities for preservation in form of hay
2. Cobra	Cobra	2016	Advantage seeds	ACL /Tropical Seeds LLC	Moderately fertile to fertile soils in areas with 500 mm seasonal rains	3.0, 1.5 - 2.5 for regrowth	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Apomictic hybrid Brachiaria grass ▪ High tolerance to drought ▪ Fast growing/maturing ▪ Erect growth habit with well-defined tussocks, which is ideal for cut-and-carry systems ▪ It also has good persistence ▪ Has good qualities for preservation in form of hay and silage

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3. Mulato II	Mulato II	2016	Advantage seeds	ACL /Tropical Seeds LLC	Moderately fertile to fertile soils in areas with 500 mm seasonal rains	3.0, 1.5 - 2.5 for regrowth	8.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is an apomictic hybrid ▪ High tolerance to drought ▪ Good adaptation to acid soils of medium to low fertility ▪ Fast growing/maturing ▪ Highly palatable and high in nutritional quality for livestock ▪ It is easy to handle as a cut and carry for controlled grazing systems and has good qualities for preservation in form of hay
4. Mombasa	Siambaza	2020	Advantage Seeds	Advantage Seeds /Tropical Seeds LLC	Altitude: 30-1500 masl, AEZ: IL 6, LM 5-6, LM 6, Sites: Opapo, Kisumu, Kwale, Voi, Embu, Cherangany	2.5 – 3 (for first harvest) and 1-2 (for subsequent cuts/harvests)	20-30 (Fresh weight)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Good tolerance to acidic soils and also moderate soil salinity ▪ Tolerant to drought and high temperatures ▪ Good shade tolerance ▪ Perennial with high persistence and high regeneration capacity ▪ Suitable for cut-and-carry but also tolerates direct grazing ▪ Makes high quality hay and silage

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5. Urochloa decumbens cv.	Basilisk	2021	KALRO	KALRO	Altitude: 20-2300 masl, AEZ: UH1-3, LH 1-4, UM1-4, LM 1-4, CL 1-4, Sites: Coast, Kitui, Lanet, Nakuru, Meru	Perennial crop, takes 3-4 to establish and if well managed it has a productive life of 10-20 years.		Resistance to spider mites attack, establish well with seed and splits, highly persistence to grazing, Good digestibility, Suitable for haling, Drought and low, temperature tolerant, High protein content (crude protein of 6-8%)
6. Urochloa decumbens cv.Piata	Piata	2021	KALRO	KALRO	Altitude: 20-2000 masl, AEZ: UH1-3, LH 1-4, UM1-4, LM 1-4, CL 1-4, Sites: Coast, Kitui, Lanet, Nakuru, Meru	Perennial crop, takes 3-4 to establish and if well managed it has a productive life of 10-15 years	10-18 t dry matter/ha per year	Tolerant to spider mites attack, Establish well with seeds and splits, Suitable for cut and carry, Good digestibility, Drought tolerant, High protein content (crude protein of 9-10%)
7. Urochloa brizantha cv.Xaraes	Toledo	2021	KALRO	KALRO	Altitude: 20-2300 masl AEZ: UH1-3, LH 1-4, UM1-4, LM 1-4, CL 1-4 Sites: Coast, Kitui, Lanet, Nakuru, Meru	Perennial crop, takes 3-4 to establish and if well managed it has a productive life of 10-15 years	10-20 t dry matter/ha per year	Tolerant to spider mites attack, Establish well with seeds and splits, Suitable for cut and carry, Good nutritive quality, Digestible-good, High protein content (crude protein of 7-9%)
8. Urochloa brizantha	MG -4	2021	KALRO	KALRO	Altitude: 20-2300 masl AEZ: UH1-3, LH 1-4,	Perennial crop, takes 3-4 before grazing	7 - 14 t dry matter/ha	Resistance to spider mites attack, establish well with seed and splits,

ha cv MG-4					UM1-4 , LM 1-4,CL 1-4 Sites: Coast, Kitui, Lanet, Nakuru, Meru	and if well managed it has a productive life of 10- 20years	per year	Persistence to grazing, High Nutritive Quality Suitable for baling, Drought and low temperature tolerant, High protein content (crude protein of 7- 8%)
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9. Brachia ria Brizant ha var. KISII	KS1	2021	KALRO	KALRO LANET	Altitude: 0- 2500 m.a.s.l AEZ: LH 2-5, UM 2-5, LM 2-5, CL 2-5 Sites: Nakuru, Baringo, Kericho, Narok, Embu, Isiolo, Marsabit, Kilifi, Kisii, Kakmega, Busia, Kiambu	3- 4	12-20 t dry matte r/ha per year	High seed production, Tolerant to drought, High nutritive profile with CP up to 13%, High digestibility, Improves soil fertility, Prevents soil erosion, Wide adaptability, Over 10- 15 years of productive life with proper management
10. Brachia ria Brizant ha var. BUSIA	BS1	2021	KALRO	KALRO LANET	Altitude: 0- 2500 m.a.s.l AEZ: LH 2-5, UM 2-5, LM 2-5, CL 2-5 Sites: Nakuru, Baringo, Kericho, Narok, Embu, Isiolo, Marsabit, Kilifi, Kisii, Kakmega, Busia, Kiambu	3- 4	12-20 t dry matte r/ha per year	High seed production, Tolerant to pests and diseases, Tolerant to drought, High nutritive profile with CP up to 13%, High digestibility, Improves soil fertility, Prevents soil erosion, Wide adaptability, Establishes well with over 10-15 years of productive life with proper management

