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wildlife. Its bunchgrass growth form provides nesting habitat for quail and other ground-nesting birds. Potential uses include rangeland reseeding, wildlife habitat restoration, forage production and some Farm Bill programs.

**Atascosa Germplasm Texas Grama** is adaptable to dry, rocky soils, has good establishment characteristics for highway right-of-way plantings and the coated seed allows for easy planting and distribution. Potential uses include highway right-of-way seeding, oil and gas revegetation projects, rangeland seeding, soil stabilization and wildlife habitat restoration.

**Mariah Germplasm Hooded Windmillgrass** is a short perennial bunchgrass with a high active germination. It typically germinates in the first three days, reseeds itself and also can spread by runners. Potential uses include roadside plantings, rangeland seed mixes, and erosion control for waterway embankments, streamside buffers, filter strips and pond embankments.

**Welder Germplasm Shortspike Windmillgrass** is a perennial that has good seed production and spreads by runners. It has a good germination ratio and provides quick soil coverage. Potential uses include roadside plantings, rangeland seed mixes and erosion control as grassed waterways, streamside buffers, filter strips and pond embankments.

#### ***About the development of the seed varieties***

The staff at South Texas Natives has worked for the past five years to produce the quality seed being released today. Seeds were collected by hand or mechanical means from private and public lands within a 33-county South Texas area. The seeds are then cleaned and tested for germination and dormancy and planted in greenhouses.

Transplants were planted at outside evaluation sites across South Texas for further evaluation. Seeds from each individual collection were harvested separately for further testing and selection. Seed increase fields were later planted to increase the volume of the seed and then the seeds were distributed to commercial growers for production.

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