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## Barnyardgrass

*Echinochloa crus-galli* (L.) Beauv.

**Life cycle:** Erect summer annual.

**Leaves:** Hairless leaves, occasionally with a few hairs near the base, are rolled in the bud and up to 20 inches long. Leaves have a distinct midvein and are rough to the touch on both surfaces.

**Ligule:** Absent.

**Stems:** Erect, thick, hairless, up to 5-foot-tall stems are round to flattened in cross-section and are often bent, branched and purple-tinted at the base.

**Flowers and fruit:** The seedhead consists of several coarse, thick branches that occur in an upright to nodding terminal panicle. The green, purple to brown panicle yields tan to brown, shiny, oval seeds.

**Reproduction:** Seeds.



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*Barnyardgrass collar region.*



*Barnyardgrass seedhead.*