Summary

An experiment was carried out in northern Jalisco, Mexico, to determine the seed production of tropical grasses. A completely randomized design with three replications was used. Tukey's test (P < 0.05) was applied to compare the differences with accessions of Andropogon (CIAT 621, INIFAP 11, 24, 21, and 39);

Panicum coloratum (INIFAP 183 and 184); P. maximum Común; and Cenchrus ciliaris (Biloela and Americano). When comparing A. gayanus accessions, pure seed production differed significantly (P < 0.05),

the best accessions being A. gayanus CIAT 621 (54 kg/ha), INIFAP 11 (61 kg/ha), and INIFAP 39 (42 kg/ha). The number of spikelets ranged from 81 to 103/m2 for A. gayanus INIFAP 21 and CIAT 621, respectively. When comparing Panicum accessions, the variables analyzed—pure seed and number of spikelets—did not differ significantly (P > 0.05). Respective values for P. maximum Común were 77 kg/ha and 101 units/m²; P. coloratum INIFAP 184, 70 kg/ha and 93 units/m2; and P. coloratum INIFAP 183, 68 kg/ha and 118 units/m2. In the case of C. ciliaris, pure seed production was significantly higher (P < 0.05) in cv. Biloela (40 kg/ha) than in cv. Americano

(34 kg/ha). The number of spikelets did not differ significantly (P > 0.05) between cv. Biloela (127) and cv.

Americano (111).