

# AIWA

## LF73-229

### PARENTAGE : MANA x YASAWA

#### HABITAT & GENERAL APPEARANCE

Recumbent when young and remains recumbent at later stages. A free trashing variety. Flowers sparsely.

#### LEAF

- **Blade** Drooping leaves of medium width. Light green in colour.
- **Sheath** Basically no hairs present. Medium wax coating on the sheath. Yellowish and purple patches on the inside with pinkish base.
- **Auricle** Distinct, well developed on one side of the sheath.
- **Ligule** The shape of the ligule is crescent.

#### STALK

- **Internode** Medium thickness, medium hardness. Light green when unexposed, darkening later on exposure. Cylindrical in shape with medium wax coating.
- **Growth ring** Greenish yellowish when unexposed but turns yellowish on exposure. Swollen in nature.
- **Root band** Whitish unexposed and changes to yellowish on exposure. Uniform width all around except becomes wider near the bud. Root primordia are scattered and are prominent; swollen in nature with brown centres.
- **Bud** Round; arises above the leaf scar and touches the growth ring. The gempore is at the apex.

#### **SUMMARY**

Two distinct features for Aiwa are profuse tillering and the colour of the internodes is shining yellowish green. Aiwa is an early season maturing variety recommended for planting on rich to medium fertile soils. The best harvesting time for Aiwa would be from start of crushing season in June.