Kentucky’s official nickname is “the Bluegrass State” because of how prolific the type of grass known colloquially as “bluegrass” is throughout most of the state’s lands. Bluegrass is a specific type of grass belonging to the scientific genus *Poa*, and it gets its name from the bluish-purplish tint the stalks take on when they go to seed. A genre of music from the region also carries the name, and the northernmost region of the state, where the grass is perhaps most prolific, is commonly known as the “bluegrass region”; though significant, neither of these is the reasoning behind the nickname,