Forage Tech Sheet

Pollanum Annual Ryegrass

Pollanum is a proven Annual ryegrass with a high dry matter yield in the first cut. This variety produces high yields under both systems. Other characteristics of POLLANUM are a quick development and a high vigor. It is well adapted to a range of climates





Fall Management

Excessive fall growth (greater than 10 inches) should be harvested, grazed or clipped to 4"

Expected growth – If properly seeded, one can expect to see 2-4" of top growth before a hard killing frost. Snow cover in northern areas will help protect annual ryegrass from winterkill. Even a thin stand with little fall growth may tiller and with good weather conditions in the spring may reach 4-8" in height by the second week of April. This is ideal time for the burndown to be applied.

Grazing Dates

When plants reach 6 to 10". Under good growing conditions, the first grazing will be ready in approximately six weeks for late summer seedings. During the spring a rotation of 10 to 14 days is typical.

Silage Harvest Dates

Nov., mid-April, early May, and late May if not replanting quickly into alternative crop. Silage should be made when crop is about 15 to 20 inches or if coming into boot stage. Protein begins to drop after heading but not as severely as a small grain.

Crop Rotation

Ryegrass should be either moldboard plowed or sprayed with a minimum of 2 qt of glyphosate (Roundup) per acre to kill the plant. If not controlled, it may compete with the next crop. Annual and Italian Ryegrass can become a serious weed in small grains and is not recommended where small grains are grown for grain harvest. Paraquat (Gramoxone), chiseling or heavy discing will NOT control ryegrass.

At A Glance

- High dry matter yields in the first cut
- Exceptional root growth
- High vigor
- Good for cover crop use

Establishment

Seeding Rate: 35-45 lb/acre, 25 to 30 lbs if seeded with a small grain

Seeding Depth: 1/4"

Seeding Dates (Lancaster County, PA): Mid August to end of September. For a November harvest plant prior to September 7. If not planning a fall harvest delay seeding to around Sept. 20th. In many years, can be planted as late as mid-October.

Nitrogen Fertilization:

50 lbs at planting (can use manure)

50 lbs March during green up.

50 lbs after each machine harvest or 2 grazing cycles.



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