Cover Crop Tech Sheet

## **Lowboy Annual Ryegrass**

Lowboy is a turf-type annual ryegrass for cover crop use only. It is a cold-tolerant, weed suppressing crop that has an extensive root system and is easy to terminate. Lowboy is ideal for building soil in grain, tobacco, or vegetable rotations.

Lowboy's growth is focused on canopy density rather than height. Above-ground, it tillers and spreads to create rapid groundcover rather than growing taller. This helps control erosion and weeds. Below ground, it exhibits both dense and deep root growth, penetrating soil to create countless channels for aeration, water infiltration, and future root growth.

One of the most exciting benefits of Lowboy is its easy termination. With significantly less top growth than other ryegrasses, it is easier to burn down, as well as establish no-till seedings into it.



Lowboy is far lower in height than its surrounding counterparts (Photo by Smith Seed)



- Low-growing turf-type annual ryegrass for cover crop use
- Aggressive root system builds soil and scavenges nutrients, without accumulating a high volume of cumbersome topgrowth
- Spreading tendencies through aggressive tillering keep growth focused on soil coverage, rather than upward growth.
- Terminates with ease
- Improved cold tolerance

## Establishment

Seeding Rate: 15-20 lb/A

Seeding Depth: 1/4"

**Seeding Dates:** Late summer to early

fall.



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