# Echelon Orchardgrass

Echelon is a very late-maturing, persistent orchardgrass with good fall productivity and excellent winter-hardiness.

# Adaptation—Climate

Echelon is one of the strongest late maturity varieties King's has tested in Lancaster, PA. Its exceptional winter-hardiness, late maturity and summer heat tolerance make it an ideal choice for pasture grazing, hay production and as a companion with alfalfa.

## Adaptation—Soil

Echelon grows best in light, well drained upland soils. It will perform on lowland heavier soils if they are not prone to excessive wetness.

#### Uses

Echelon is effective in grazing and haying situations. It can be seeded either alone or as a mixture component. King's utilizes Echelon in many of our mixtures. Given its late maturity and excellent winter-hardiness, it is an ideal companion for alfalfa. Inter-planting with alfalfa can be used to improve stand yield, extend longevity and reduce the risks of winterkill and pest damage associated with growing a pure stand.

# At A Glance:

# **Key Features:**

- ♦ Late-maturing
- ♦ Persistent
- High Fall Production for an Orchardgrass
- ♦ Quick to Establish
- ♦ High-Yielding
- Exceptional palatability and diagestibility
- ♦ Excellent Winter-Hardiness
- ♦ Erect-growing plant with great eye appeal

## **Establishment:**

Use the Large Box of the Drill
Seeding Rate: 20-25lbs per Acre
Broadcast Seeding Rate: 40lbs per Acre
Seeding with Alfalfa:1-7lbs per Acre
Seeding Depth: Surface to 1/4"



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