# Everleaf 126

## <u>Oats</u>

EverLeaf 126 is a true spring forage oat with dark green foliage, an erect growth habit and very good standability. EverLeaf 126 exhibits delayed heading and much of its forage mass and quality come from an extended maturity. Since the plant is naturally vegetative for a longer period, biomass accumulation is excellent. EverLeaf 126 has a compact panicle that offers an attractive product when baled. Everleaf is technically a red oat and not a grain oat.

EverLeaf 126 height is medium to tall. Under good moisture and fertility heads emerge at 48 to 52 inches.

Productivity: Excellent growth during cool to 80 degrees. Oats are the most productive cool season annual.

Disease Resistance: EverLeaf 126 is susceptible to Rust and Barley Yellow Dwarf virus.

Soil Adaptation: pH range 6.0-7.0. Avoid extremely well dried soils and poorly drained soils.

Harvest Stages: At boot stage, EverLeaf 126 is highest in crude protein and in percent digestible fiber.

Management Notes:

- Adequate seed bed preparation is important as are seeding rate and fertility.
- EverLeaf 126 oats are a high yielding oat while maintaining better quality. This is accomplished when both good fertility and good moisture are available.
- Used as a nurse crop for newly seeded alfalfa, the delayed heading feature allows newly planted alfalfa stands to become more uniformly established before first cutting. If the nurse crop is too competitive, harvest early.
- Always test forages for nitrate levels before feeding, especially when grown in high nitrogen regimes.

## At A Glance:

#### **Key Characteristics:**

- True forage oat with high quality and late heading date.
- Dark green foliage
- Improved leaf density
- Seeding rate is slightly lower than other oats because of its
  - leafy growth habit

#### Uses

Dry Hay: Poor Haylage/Balage: Excellent Management Intensive Grazing: Good Grain: Not recommended Food Plots: Good

### Establishment:

**Planting Dates:** Seed 4 to 6 weeks prior to the beginning of wheat seeding.

**Seeding Rate:** 80-100lbs/Acre for forage.

20-25lbs/Acre for nurse crop.

Large Seed Box Required

Seeding Depth: 3/4" to 1 1/2"

Speed: Slower than other oats



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