

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. Lowboy is ideal for building soil in grain, tobacco, or vegetable rotations.

Lowboy's growth is focused on canopy density rather than height. Aboveground, 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 easier termination than other annual ryegrasses. It has significantly less top growth than other ryegrasses, it is easier to burn down, as well as establish no-till seedings into it.

Crop Rotation:

Ryegrass should be either moldboard plowed or sprayed with a strong rate 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:

- ◇ 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 top-growth
- ◇ Spreading tendencies through aggressive tillering keep growth focused on soil coverage, rather than upward growth.
- ◇ Terminates with ease
- ◇ Improved cold tolerance

Establishment:

Seeding Rate: 15-20lbs/Acre

Seeding Depth: 1/4"

Seeding Dates: Late summer to early fall.