

Badger Oats

Badger is an early maturing variety. Badger is a yellow oat that has a very good groat percentage, high grain yield, good grain quality and excellent test weight.

Badger has good Barley Yellow Dwarf Virus resistance and very good crown rust resistance.

Productivity:

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

Soil Adaptation:

pH range 6.0-7.0. Avoid extremely well drained soils and poorly drained soils.

Management:

- Grain oats should be seeded early to avoid high heat during pollination and grain fill.
- Adequate seed bed preparation is important, as are seeding rate and fertility.
- Cut prior to boot stage for optimal quality. Quality will drop significantly with heading.
- Always test small grain forages for nitrate levels before feeding, especially when grown in high nitrogen regimes.

"I recently combined my Badger Oats, and was very impressed. This is the third year I've sown it, and I like the way it works and I like the way it grows...In addition to the 90 bu/A grain yield, I got 50 bales of straw per acre, and it was the prettiest, brightest straw you've ever seen. It stood good, even in a bad wind-storm...You couldn't see the rows, the heads canopied so much. The thickness of plants really help keep the weeds down; the weeds can't even come up, and after we harvest, the field is clean....I was also looking for a heavier grain for the high protein. Badger was 41 lbs/bushel. I was hearing some weights at 28-30 lbs, and with the weather we had we didn't know if it would be a good test weight, but I weighed that and I was very pleased...I mill some of the oats and corn and feed them to my beef cattle, and the Badger really makes a difference in how they gain. ...As long as you keep selling this oat, we're going to keep buying it."

- Giles Dumm, Nicktown, PA

At A Glance:

Key Characteristics:

- ◊ High yielding oat with high test weight. Our earliest maturing oat.

Uses

Grain: Excellent

Forage: Fair

Cover crop: Good

Best uses:

Grain, Forage, and Cover Crops

Establishment:

Seeding Dates: Late winter to early spring. Late summer for fall forage and a winter kill cover crop.

Seeding Rate: 95-130lbs/Acre (3-4Bu/Acre)

Large Seed Box Required

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

Speed: Establishes quickly