



KF OG Blend-North

A high yielding medium-late to ultra-late maturity orchardgrass blend, promoting the strengths of varietal diversity, curated to succeed in northern climates. Works well for grazing, or hay with high yield and good digestibility.

Establishment

Exceptional seedling vigor and establishes rapidly. In the transition zone, planting should occur in the late summer. Prior to planting, take a soil test and apply adequate phosphorous and potassium if necessary. At planting, apply 35-40 lbs/acre nitrogen to ensure good establishment. KF OG Blend- North may be established via full cultivation, no-till, or broadcast seeding with cultipacking. Plant no deeper than 1/4 inch below the surface in a firm seed bed.

Management

Orchardgrass is categorized as a bunch grass. Careful stand management during the first year is essential for long-term productivity. Orchardgrass grows and spreads laterally by creating new shoots called tillers which emanate from the base of the plant, forming an ever-wider bunch. To enable the production of a leafy dense stand, the height of the stand during the first year should ideally be maintained in the 4-12 inch range. This allows full sunlight penetration to the plant base, which triggers production of the tillers needed for maximum plant growth and spread. Once the seedlings are firmly rooted, graze lightly by calves, or machine mow several times before heavy use. This will promote further tillering and growth. When stand is fully mature- leave 4" of stubble upon harvest. Cold winter survival is enhanced by entering winter with the grass left at a short but still green 4-5 inch height.

At A Glance:

Components:

60% Echelon Orchardgrass
20% Barlegro Orchardgrass
20% Inavale Orchardgrass

Key Features:

- ◇ Strong, diverse blend
- ◇ Summer Heat Tolerance
- ◇ Medium Maturing
- ◇ High Yielding
- ◇ Exceptional Palatability and Digestibility.

Establishment:

Use the Large Box of the Drill
Seeding Rate: 20lbs per Acre
Seeding Depth: Surface to 1/4"



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