

# Fawn Tall Fescue



- **Attractive green color**
- **Handles traffic well**
- **More heat tolerant to high temperatures**
- **Low Maintenance**
- **Wide area of adaptation**
- **Grows to 4.5 ft.**

Planting rate: 20-25 lb/acre or 1-2 lb/1000 sq ft.  
(No inoculant needed)

## Fawn (*Festuca arundinacea*)

Developed in 1954 for increased pasture forage yield. A good choice for mixing into pastures where short dry periods may occur. Tolerates poor drainage, alkalinity and salinity.

In orchards, vineyards, bush berries or other no-till irrigated growing situations, permanent perennial cover crops are a good choice. Perennial clovers are the most widely used varieties of perennial cover crops as they are low-growing nitrogen-fixers that require very little maintenance. Alfalfa also fixes nitrogen and has the added benefit of providing large amounts of top growth used for hay, mulch or compost. Grasses are useful in situations where nitrogen-fixation is not required or desired. They can be mixed with legumes, but the legumes in the mix should not exceed 25% if the mix will be regularly mown, as they tend to overtake the grasses. When irrigating perennial cover crops, use a deep-watering cycle to encourage roots to forage deeply for water, so that they can survive through dry periods.

## COVER CROP BENEFITS

Cover crops, also known as green manures, are one of the cornerstones of ecologically sensible agriculture. Cover crops provide outstanding benefits for the soil, crop and grower including:

- Increasing earthworm and beneficial microorganism activity
- Bringing deep rooted minerals to the surface for other crops
- Increasing the soil's plant-available Nitrogen
- Increasing the soil's moisture-holding capacity
- Providing habitat, nectar & pollen for beneficial insects
- Improving water, root and air penetration in the soil
- Choking out weeds
- Providing aesthetic value and color
- Breaking up subsoil and plowsoles
- Stabilizing the soil to prevent erosion
- Reducing populations of pest organisms
- Increasing organic matter content



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