

Extend Orchardgrass



- Superior yield
- Late maturity
- Stem Rust resistance
- Great palatability
- Perfect for alfalfa or clover mixes
- Increased stand persistence
- Excellent plant vigor
- Drought tolerant

Planting Suggestions

Planting rate (pure stand)	15-20 lbs./acre
Planting rate (alfalfa mix)	3-6 lbs./acre
Planting rate (clover mix)	10 lbs./acre
Planting depth	1/4 to 1/2 inch deep
Seeding (Spring)	Mar 1—May 15
Seeding (Summer)	Aug 1—Sept 15
Soil Type	Moderate—Well-drained
Minimum soil pH	5.5

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North Platte, West Central Research
and Extension Center
Irrigated-2002 Seeding
2 Year Total Production

ENTRY	DRY MATTER TONS/ACRE
Extend Orchardgrass	16.60
Pizza Orchardgrass	15.67
Latar Orchardgrass	15.65
Paiute Orchardgrass	15.30
Persist Orchardgrass	14.98
Potomac Orchardgrass	14.78
Baridana Orchardgrass	14.67
Experiment Mean	14.91
CV(%)	7
LSD (0.05)	1.49

Management Suggestions

Fertilization:

Nitrogen should be applied in split applications during early spring and fall and after first cutting. Adequate phosphorus and potassium are also necessary for top production.

Hay Cutting Schedule:

First cutting in Spring should be done before head emergence (boot stage). Later cuttings can be made 4– 6 week intervals, depending on conditions.

Grazing:

Rotational grazing is preferred for best production, persistence and quality. Fields should be grazed heavily and frequently (every 10-12 days) during the rapid spring growth period, but overgrazing should be avoided. Leave a 3-4 inch stubble for quickest recovery. Extend mixes well with other species adapted to intensive grazing.



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