

# POTOMAC ORCHARDGRASS



## Planting Suggestions

Planting rate (pure stand)	10-20 lbs./acre
Planting rate (alfalfa mix)	4-6 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	Mod—Well-drained
Minimum soil pH	5.5

- Pasture
- Hay Production
- Silage/Greenchop
- Great palatability

- Perfect for alfalfa or clover mixes
- Shade Tolerant
- High Rainfall Tolerant
- Drought Tolerant

## 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). Late cuttings can be made at 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 over grazing should be avoided. Leave a 3-4 inch stubble for quickest recovery.



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