**DOUBLE PLAY**

**TWO CROPS IN ONE**

An annual mixture that will give both quick fall growth and a spring harvest. Oats and annual ryegrass will give quick fall growth. The oats generally winter kill if temperatures drop into the teens. Both the Tri-Cal® 815 triticale and the annual ryegrass will overwinter (with proper fall management) and produce a cutting of high quality forage in the spring. This mix is a balance for both fall and spring production. Fall production will most likely be less than a straight stand of oats or our Oats Plus mix. Spring production will likely be a little less than straight triticale, straight ryegrass or our Triticale Plus mixture. However, for maximum combined production in fall and spring, Double Play offers excellent potential.

**Soil Adaptation**

Ryegrass component excels in fertile soils. Excellent for nutrient management but apply manure prior to seeding.

Wet – Poor because harvest will be very difficult.

Drought – Fair. Productive during fall and spring, which tends to reduce drought risk.

pH Range – 6.0 and higher.

**Cutting Management**

Fall growth: Prior to the end of university recommended wheat planting dates, a fall cutting must be made. Leave at least 4” of stubble.

Spring growth: Oats will normally winter kill, leaving TriCal® 815 and Marshall ryegrass for one cutting. Harvest when flag leaf is emerging (about 7 to 10 days prior to alfalfa bud stage). This is when the head is about 2 to 3” from emerging.

**Crop Rotation:**

The ryegrass component of this mixture is excellent for building soil organic matter and utilizing nutrients including N and P. However, ryegrasses must be killed for the next crop. A 2x rate of glyphosate “Roundup” should be applied to actively growing regrowth (at least 6 to 10”). Gramoxone, chisel plowing and discing are not effective. Moldboard plowing with proper inversion can also be used, as well as some other approved herbicides. Follow with a summer annual crop.

**Traffic Tolerance:** Good. If soil is wet during fall harvest, damage can cause stand problems.

**At A Glance**

**Product Formula (by weight)**

- 45% Tri-Cal® 815 Triticale
- 33% Oats
- 22% Annual Ryegrass

**Uses**

- **Dry Hay:** Poor
- **Haylage/Balage:** Excellent

**Management Intensive Grazing:** Good

**Continuous Grazing:** Fair during fall and spring.

**Establishment**

**Planting Dates:** Seed 4 to 6 weeks prior to the beginning of wheat seeding.

**Seeding Rate:** 150-200 lbs. Large seed box required.

**Depth:** ½” to ¾” is ideal. Do not seed deeper than 1” or ryegrass will not emerge.

**Speed:** Establishes quickly