

RED RIVER CRABGRASS

PRODUCTIVE RESEEDING SUMMER ANNUAL FORAGE

Red River is an improved crabgrass that thrives during the hot, dry months. Crabgrass is a high quality, high yielding summer annual forage that is excellent for grazing and haying. This variety of crabgrass produces a highly digestible forage (up to 73% NDFd) and high crude protein content (25-30% early season; 15-20% mid-summer; 10% late season). Areas of adaption extend from Nebraska, south and east to the Gulf and Atlantic coasts. Great for revitalizing summer pastures.

Suggested planting and management

TILLED & PLANTED IN SPRING:

1. Prepare the ground by discing and harrowing in late spring. Firm soil to where a foot-print leaves an impression 1/2" deep.
2. Plant seed shallow when soil temperatures reach 65°F in the spring or early summer. Using a drill or seeder with a small seed box is best, but a grain drill can work.
3. When the grass begins to form stolons ("runners"), apply nitrogen (50 to 100 lb N/ acre).
4. Graze when grass reaches 6 to 8 inches.

Red River also works well broadcasted into pastures following winter small grain such as rye, triticale, oats, and ryegrass. When thinning fescue stands or trampled winter feeding areas become a concern, crabgrass can be broadcasted in these systems to improve summer grazing.

If allowed to go to seed at least once during its growing season, Red River will germinate as volunteer forage the following year.



At A Glance

- Drought tolerant
- Good summer production
- High quality summer forage to recharge pastures
- Easy doublecropping with cool season annual grasses and legumes.
- Self-reseeding if allowed to go to seed
- Widely adapted

Establishment

Plant after soils are 65 degrees and rising

Seeding rate: 5-8 lbs/A, large box

Depth: 1/4" on tightly packed soil

Southeast
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