



# AUSTRIAN WINTER PEAS

PURPLE FLOWER WINTER FORAGE PEA

Austrian winter peas are a low-growing, viney legume. They are quite winter hardy and make an excellent forage, especially when mixed with a small grain like oats or barley. As part of a mix, they provide protein, while grasses add effective fiber. Heavy grazing is not recommended, as plants are sensitive to trampling. Flowers are reddish and seeds are dark. As a cover crop, Austrian Winter Peas can fix 90-150 lbs of nitrogen per acre under good conditions and management.

**Must be inoculated with pea/vetch inoculant.**



Photo by Tom Stickle



## At A Glance

- Very winter hardy
- Plant on well-drained soil
- Recommended in a mix with a small grain to add effective fiber
- Grows best in cool weather
- Versatile as either a forage or a cover crop

## Best Uses

Haylage, baleage, green manure/cover crop

## Establishment

**Seeding Rate:** 60-100 lbs/A

**Seeding Depth:** 3/4" - 1", Large box

**Seeding Dates:** Early spring or late summer (1-2 weeks before barley planting dates)



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