Rye Plus

Two Crops in One

An annual mixture that will give both quick fall growth and a spring harvest. Rye is the most cold tolerant winter annual, but is also the earliest to finish growing. By pairing cereal rye with annual ryegrass, you are able to capture winter growth and maintain quality well into the spring.

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.

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

Harvest Management:

Graze when cereal rye reaches 8-10 inches. Leave behind at least 3-4” of stubble to protect the ryegrass seedlings. Expect the mixture to transition from cereal rye to ryegrass in mid spring.

At A Glance

Product Formula (by weight)

85% Cereal Rye
15% 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