



Tekapo Orchardgrass



Tekapo can be grazed at near ground level; therefore making it ideal for sheep, cow, and horse grazing

FEATURES

- New Zealand type grazing orchardgrass
- Exhibits very low crown and dense prostrate growth that tolerates grazing well
- Long, soft leaves provide very palatable feed
- Med-late maturity, matches well with alfalfa and other legumes
- Ideal for pasture as well as hay production

ORCHARDGRASS FEATURES

Plant type: Perennial Grass
Planting dates: April–May or Aug–Sept
Soil pH: 5.8–8.2
Soil adaption: Well drained
Planting depth: 1/8"–1/4"
Approximate seeds/lb: 416,000
Seeding rate: 10–15 lbs/A ; 2–5 lbs/A mix
Days to germination: 18–22
Main usage: Hay, pasture
Height at maturity: 24"–40"
Length of stand: 8–10 years
Reproduces by: Seed
Pounds per bushel: 14

Tekapo has outperformed many other orchardgrasses in feed value, palatability and digestibility.



Tekapo produces a very thick and dense stand that is able to persist even under hard, continuous grazing.

➤ Orchardgrass is a bunch grass that exhibits reproductive growth of 2-4' in height and vegetative growth from 6-18". It is well adapted to most Midwestern farms because of its high yield, drought tolerance, shade tolerance, and winterhardiness. It matches well with most forage legumes such as alfalfa, red clover, and birdsfoot trefoil. Orchardgrass can produce high quality, high yielding feed if harvested in a timely fashion (ideally late boot stage to early bloom). If it is harvested in seed production, the forage quality drops rapidly.