

Triticale

Triticale is a cross of cereal rye and winter wheat. It has the benefit of improved winter hardiness and tonnage from the cereal rye with the increased protein and palatability of wheat. Another advantage of triticale for forage producers is that it typically has a longer harvest window than what cereal rye does.

Triticale can be grazed, hayed or chopped. When chopping or haying, consider if additional species will affect quality. For grazing, it is common to add oats or a brassica such as turnips to increase fall tonnage.

While triticale is most commonly used by those looking for forage, it can also be used strictly for a traditional cover crop soil health benefit. It has less biomass than cereal rye and typically has a less negative impact on a following corn crop. Triticale is typically suggested following corn, and preceding soybeans.

Improved Variety - HyOctane - consider using HyOctane to increase yield and protein and improve palatability. This variety is able to outperform older varieties most commonly used. It is also awnletted, meaning that it has significantly shorter awns on the grain, making it more palatable and preferred for livestock.

Seeding Method: Broadcast or drill

Seeding Rate: 50 - 100#/ac mono, 20 - 50#/ac mix

Seeding Depth: 1"

Seeding Dates: 9/1 - 10/15

Notes: Always use cleaned & tested seed!
Consider improved varieties for increased yield and performance.