

Annual Ryegrass - Forage

While annual ryegrass is most commonly used as a cover crop, it can be used as a short term forage option as well.

Annual ryegrass can be seeded as a companion crop with other cool season forage species. It can also be seeded at higher rates by itself or with other species to be a quick-grow emergency forage.

When choosing an annual ryegrass for forage, look for a tetraploid variety that will offer improved palatability.

Seeding Method: Frost seed, Drill, or Broadcast

Seeding Rate: 25-30# mono, 4-9# for mixes & overseeding

Seeding Depth: 1/4" - 1/2"

Seeding Dates: 2/15 - 5/1 or 8/15 - 9/20

Notes: Ryegrass can be challenging to dry down for dry hay. When using for hay, keep ryegrass at less than 20% of the mix.