Annual ryegrass is normally planted from September through November. The recommended seeding rate is 20-30 lbs./acre in a well-prepared seedbed. The ideal sowing depth is ¼". Broadcasting and no-till are two of the most popular planting methods. Once established, grazing a Jumbo pasture should commence at a height of 8-9". Rotational grazing will provide the best yield results, however, ryegrass will tolerate close and continuous grazing. Ryegrass responds to Nitrogen and is tolerant of moderate soil acidity.

In high rainfall areas of the Gulf Coast, high production can be expected throughout the winter from November to May. Farther north, most of the production is from late February through May.

To increase winter forage availability, annual ryegrass can be planted with a companion, such as a small grain crop or forage turnip. When overseeding bermudagrass, remember that later maturing ryegrass varieties prolong the suppression of your existing pasture and increase the risk of decline. When mechanical harvesting is desired, later maturing varieties, free of disease, are more suitable due to higher quality prior to maturity.

With compliments,
JUMBO ANNUAL RYEGRASS
Lolium multiflorum westerwoldicum

Jumbo is a higher yielding, later maturing, and winter-hardy modern tetraploid variety suitable for both grazing and mechanical harvesting. Jumbo exhibits erect growth with large leaves and late maturity. Forage trials throughout the South prove Jumbo to be superior in yield and regrowth. Cold injury ratings performed in Ardmore, OK prove Jumbo to have superior winter-hardiness. Disease screenings performed at Beaumont, TX and Gainesville, FL prove Jumbo to have superior resistance to gray leaf spot and crown rust. Jumbo not only delivers higher yields with a larger plant, it also delivers higher quality forage through disease and weather resistance.

"Jumbo is superior to the older tetraploid varieties in production, disease resistance and winter-hardiness."
Dr. Gordon Prine (left)
University of Florida

"Jumbo ryegrass has consistently out performed the leading ryegrass varieties in our annual variety trials in north Florida."
Dr. Ann R. Blount (right)
University of Florida

"Varieties which are susceptible to crown rust should not be recommended to be grown within 200 miles from the Gulf Coast, because forage quality and yield will be reduced in some years."
Dr. Lloyd Nelson
Texas A&M University

GENETICALLY ADVANCED FOR IMPROVED FEATURES AND BENEFITS

PLANT FEATURES:
- Tetraploid
- Cold tolerant
- Rust resistant
- Endophyte-free
- Erect growth
- Late maturity
- Excellent regrowth

FORAGE BENEFITS:
- Excellent quality
- Higher sugar content
- Increased palatability
- Higher yields
- Widely adaptable
- Better hay and silage
- Multiple harvests

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