

Pasture Mixes	Growing Area	Drought Tolerance	Flooding Tolerance	Silage	Hay	Drill Seeding Rate (lb/acre)	Comments
General Pasture	I,C	Moderate	Moderate-High	E	F	30-35	Formerly "Econoland" seed mix. Good standard pasture mix. No clover.
General Pasture with Clover	I,C	Moderate	Moderate-High	E	F	30-35	General Pasture mix plus the added nutrition and nitrogen fixation of white clover. <i>(Special order only)</i>
Horse & Sheep Pasture	I,C	Moderate-High	High	E	G	30-44	Designed for horse nutrition needs. Tolerates close grazing habits of horse and sheep.
Wetland Pasture	I,C	Low-Moderate	Very High	E	E	20-25	Tolerates water-logged soils. Good feed value.

Coastal Forage Mixes	Growing Area	Drought Tolerance	Flooding Tolerance	Silage	Hay	Drill Seeding Rate (lb/acre)	Comments
Orchardgrass Blend	C	Low-Moderate	Moderate	E	E	30-35	Quality mix, containing small amount of ryegrass.
Orchardgrass/Tall Fescue Blend	C	Moderate	Moderate	E	E	30-35	Quality mix of orchardgrasses & tall fescue.
Premium Tall Fescue	C	Moderate	High	E	E	30-35	Top quality mix of tall fescues only.
Premium Ryegrass	C	Low-Moderate	Moderate	E	F	30-35	Top quality mix, containing some timothy.
Hay Baler	C	Low-Moderate	Moderate	E	E	30-35	High performance mix, producing top quality hay.

Interior Forage Mixes	Growing Area	Drought Tolerance	Flooding Tolerance	Silage	Hay	Drill Seeding Rate (lb/acre)	Comments
Southern Interior Dryland	I	Very High	Low-Moderate	E	E	25-30	Produces high quality feed for non-irrigated area of Southern Interior of BC.
Southern Interior Irrigated	I	Moderate	High	E	E	25-30	Versatile, high quality mix. Requires well-drained soils.
Northern Interior Dryland	I	High	Moderate	E	E	25-30	Winterhardy and drought tolerant, yet productive for Northern Interior of BC.
Northern Interior Irrigated	I	Low-Moderate	Very High	E	E	25-30	Winterhardy and highly productive under irrigation in Northern BC.
Premium Alfalfa	I	Moderate-High	Moderate	E	E	18-20	Premium WL alfalfa varieties, with high yields & disease resistance.
Triple Alfalfa	I	Moderate-High	Moderate	E	E	18-20	Adaptable, multi-purpose alfalfa mix. All certified varieties.
Alfalfa Hay Baler	I	Moderate-High	Moderate	E	E	18-20	Certified alfalfa varieties mixed with orchardgrass for high production.

Agricultural Mixes (not for forage)	Growing Area	Drought Tolerance	Flooding Tolerance	Silage	Hay	Drill Seeding Rate	Comments
Alleyway	I,C	Low-Moderate	High	n/a	n/a	165-250	Not for animal feed. Best used between rows of irrigated crops (ie. berries).
Low Maintenance	I,C	Very High	Moderate	n/a	n/a	165-250	Not for animal feed. Low-growing, drought and shade tolerant. Ideal for orchards.

I=Interior BC C=Coastal BC E=Excellent G=Good F=Fair
 For broadcast seeding or overseeding, increase "Drill Seeding Rate" by 30%.

Mixes which contain legumes may cause bloat when grazed by ruminants. Graze with caution.

HOW TO SEED OR OVERSEED PASTURE:

The best time to seed is in spring and fall. Avoid seeding in the heat of summer or when in danger of frost. Consistent soil temperatures should be about 8-10 degrees Celsius (or when daytime temperatures reach 15-20 degrees C).

Prepare field for seeding. Perform tillage and weed control before seeding.* If tillage is performed, be sure the resulting seed bed is fine and firm, free of ruts and ridges, without being compacted. Have the soil tested to determine fertilizer and lime requirements, which may be applied before or at the time of seeding.

Broadcast or drill a specially formulated forage seed mix at the recommended seeding rate. If broadcasting, be sure the seed makes firm contact with the soil. A chain harrow can be used, ensuring the seed isn't buried more than ¼ inch. Some species may germinate within 10 days, whereas other species may require 4 weeks to germinate.

Keep the area moist through establishment and in dry seasons. Irrigate as needed, and if irrigation is not available, seed should be applied before anticipated rainfall.

Grass takes a year to become fully established and it is advisable to restrict grazing in the first season. Grazing should start when plants reach 8-12 inches and the pasture should not be grazed shorter than 3 inches.

It is recommended to have the soil tested on an annual basis and fertilizer and lime applied as needed. Depending on field conditions, annual weed control and overseeding may also be necessary.

*Always follow the directions on the chemical labels.

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