

HAYMASTER ORCHARDGRASS

- Late maturity
- Superior yield
- High palatability
- Stem Rust resistance
- Ideal for alfalfa or clover mixes
- Improved stand persistence
- Excellent seedling and plant vigor
- Quick recovery after cutting

Haymaster is a new, late maturing (approximately 5 days later than Pennlate) orchardgrass with excellent yield potential. Haymaster can be used for hay, silage and pasture and is ideal for alfalfa or clover mixes. Excellent disease resistance, high yield potential, great forage quality, quick recovery after cutting and drought tolerance makes Haymaster the premier orchardgrass.

Management Suggestions

Fertilizer (pure stand): Fertilize according to soil test recommendations, but in general, nitrogen should be applied in split applications during early spring and fall and after 1st cutting. Adequate phosphorus and potassium are also necessary for top production.

Cutting Schedule

First cutting in spring should be done before head emergence (Boot Stage). Later cuttings can be made at 4-6 week intervals depending on conditions.

Grazing

Rotational grazing is preferred for best production, persistence and quality. Fields should be grazed heavily and frequently (every 10-12 days) during the rapid spring growth period but overgrazing should be avoided. Leave a 3-4 inch stubble for quick recovery.

Performance Data – Forage Yield

Summarized over years and locations

(Total tons dry matter / acre)

<u>Entry</u>	<u>Loc./Yrs.</u>	<u>%Mean</u>
Haymaster	25	100.4
Pennlate	23	99.2
Potomac	23	98.4
Pizza	13	97.7
Satin	7	94.1
Kay	13	92.4

Performance Data – Forage Quality

<u>Entry</u>	<u>No. of Cuts</u>	<u>%CP</u>	<u>%Mean</u>	<u>RFV</u>	<u>Mean</u>
Haymaster	8	15.4	104	100	105
Pennlate	8	14.9	100	95	100