

Pasture and Hay Seeding Mixtures

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Recommended seeding mixtures for use in pastures and hayfields.

Species	lbs/acre	Species	lbs/acre
Tall fescue, endophyte free	12	Tall fescue, endophyte enhanced	12
Kentucky bluegrass	3	Kentucky bluegrass	3
Red clover	6	Red clover	6
White clover	2	White clover	2
Orchardgrass	8	Smooth bromegrass	10
Kentucky bluegrass	3	Timothy	8
Red clover	6	Red clover or alfalfa	6
White clover	2	White clover	2

Seeding rates are for pure live seed; adjust for labeled germination rate.

Do not use KY-31 endophyte-infected tall fescue on pasture or hay land due to its toxicity to livestock. For hay land on well-drained soils 8-12 lbs alfalfa seed/acre can be substituted for the red clover.

Recommended varieties

Select, Barolex Tall fescue, endophyte-free

Tall fescue, endophyte-enhanced Max-Q, BarOptima+E34

Kenblue, Ginger Kentucky bluegrass Red clover Cinnamon+, Freedom

White clover Will, Durana

Benchmark+, Olympia, Persist Orchardgrass Alfalfa those with high disease resistance

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