

# Extend Orchardgrass



- Superior yield
- Late maturity
- Stem Rust resistance
- Great palatability
- Perfect for alfalfa or clover mixes
- Increased stand persistence
- Excellent plant vigor
- Drought tolerant

## Planting Suggestions

Planting rate (pure stand)	15-20 lbs./acre
Planting rate (alfalfa mix)	3-6 lbs./acre
Planting rate (clover mix)	10 lbs./acre
Planting depth	1/4 to 1/2 inch deep
Seeding (Spring)	Mar 1—May 15
Seeding (Summer)	Aug 1—Sept 15
Soil Type	Moderate—Well-drained
Minimum soil pH	5.5

## NEBRASKA

North Platte, West Central Research  
and Extension Center  
Irrigated-2002 Seeding  
2 Year Total Production

ENTRY	DRY MATTER TONS/ACRE
Extend Orchardgrass .....	16.60
Pizza Orchardgrass .....	15.67
Latar Orchardgrass .....	15.65
Paiute Orchardgrass .....	15.30
Persist Orchardgrass .....	14.98
Potomac Orchardgrass .....	14.78
Baridana Orchardgrass .....	14.67
Experiment Mean .....	14.91
CV(%) .....	7
LSD (0.05) .....	1.49

## Management Suggestions

### Fertilization:

Nitrogen should be applied in split applications during early spring and fall and after first cutting. Adequate phosphorus and potassium are also necessary for top production.

### Hay Cutting Schedule:

First cutting in Spring should be done before head emergence (boot stage). Later cuttings can be made 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 quickest recovery. Extend mixes well with other species adapted to intensive grazing.



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