

Moxie TEFF

Key Features

Moxie is a C4 warm-season annual grass that can be grazed or harvested multiple times as dry hay or silage. Teff produces high-quality forage, comparable to Timothy, with good yields in a short growing season. Originally a grain crop for human consumption, teff has proven to be very good forage for livestock. Teff is fine stemmed, leafy and soft, which lends to palatability. Teff is fast to establish and is resistant to both drought and soils that are water logged. It fills a variety of management needs. Teff works well as emergency forage when the producer needs dry hay or wants to fill in weak spots in an existing hay field.

Establishment

It is recommended to drill in at a depth no deeper than 1/4" for best emergence. Soils should be 65 degrees and climbing for best performance. A firm clod free seed bed is essential for successful establishment.

Management Keys

Like most summer annuals, Moxie needs warm soils to germinate and thrive. Teff has extremely small seed, and seedbed preparation is important. Teff requires a clod-free and firm seedbed to ensure good soil-to-seed contact and predictable seeding depth. Fertility needs are minimal with a balanced fertilizer and no more than 100 pounds of available nitrogen. Split applications of fertilizer are suggested if taking multiple harvests. For optimal harvests and yield, teff should be harvested prior to seed-head appearance in the late vegetative stages. Delayed harvest can reduce subsequent harvest yields. Leave a 4" stubble for rapid recovery. Management of teff is critical for best results.

Teff is slow to establish during the first two weeks of development. Weed pressure can affect establishment. Early season planting in cool temperatures can result in weed pressure for the first cutting. Later planting dates are recommended to reduce weed pressure. Herbicide options are limited. Check with your local supplier for options. If a broadleaf herbicide is applied, it should not occur until the teff has at least 5-7 leaves.



Characteristics

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| Drought Tolerance | 5 |
| Wet Soil | 5 |
| Seeding Vigor | 4 |
| Baleage | 4 |
| Silage | 4 |
| Grazing | 4 |
| Dry Hay | 5 |
| Palatability | 5 |

Scale 1-5 (1 = Poor, 5 = Excellent)

Seeding Rate

▶ 5-7 lbs/acre

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1/4" into firm, clod-free seedbed.

