

Alpine II Orchardgrass

Key Features

Alpine II is a top-rated, late maturing orchardgrass. This later maturity means Alpine II is able to produce high-quality forage later into the season, making it an ideal option for hay. As a top producer, Alpine II, performed well in both the Kentucky and Wisconsin forage yield trials. Alpine II produces high-quality forage with a high protein content. Alpine II displays excellent disease resistance along with good seedling vigor establishing strongly. Additionally, Alpine II also has good winter hardiness.

IDEAL FOR GRAZING OR HAY

- Late Maturity
- Excellent Forage Quality
- High Yielding
- Improved Disease Resistance
- Good Seedling Vigor
- Use for Hay or Grazing

Applications

Pasture
Haylage
Dry Hay

Planting Time

Spring & Fall

Establishment

Seeding at a rate of 15-20lbs./ac. Proper seed bed preparation is essential. A soil sample will identify necessary inputs (Extension Service can advise). Use of a nonselective herbicide will reduce weed competition. No-till seeding is generally very effective. Avoid planting too deep. Irrigation to supplement seasonal moisture, if available, will insure best establishment and fill-in. Plants should be firmly established before grazing is allowed. Particularly in the first year, overgrazing can seriously reduce stand longevity.

Management Keys

Generally, the better it looks, the better it performs. Spring and fall fertilization will be dictated by species type, stock rates, etc. Soil samples and the local Extension Service provide valuable information. Control weeds as necessary. Irrigation, particularly during dry periods, will maintain stand density. Periodic reseeding will thicken thinned and overgrazed areas keeping the pasture at peak productivity.



Characteristics

Dry Hay	5
Persistence	4
Forage Quality	3
Baleage	4
Silage	4

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

Seeding Rate

New Seeding 20 lbs/acre
Overseeding 10-15 lbs/acre

Seeding Depth

Plant no deeper than 1/4"

