

HAYMASTER GRASS BLEND

Key Features

Haymaster is a blend of high-quality grass species that allow the opportunity to dry bale hay during the growing season. Humidity and temperatures make it difficult to produce dry hay in many regions of the United States. Haymaster has plant species that are the best options to possibly achieve this harvest option. Haymaster is also a blend of grasses that will produce quality forage and still maximize tonnage and dry down.

Seeding Rate

- ▶15-20lbs/acre for straight seeding.
- ▶3-5lbs/acre as a companion blend for alfalfa and grass stand.

Seeding Depth

- ▶¼" into a firm, clod-free seedbed.
- ▶½" for no-tilling into existing pasture.

History and Development

Haymaster was developed for producers of high quality grass hay. Producers who desire to market grass hay for its high RFQ value and superior visual appearance should choose Haymaster. The two main components of Haymaster are soft-leaf tall fescue and late maturing orchardgrass. The leaf structure of soft-leaf tall fescue blends easily with orchardgrass and provides the tonnage needed for profitable hay production. Soft-leaf tall fescue varieties are more palatable and digestible than traditional tall fescues. Orchardgrass varieties in Haymaster are disease resistant, making the hay more visually appealing to the buyer. Haymaster is the ideal choice for a producer who desires to make dry hay even in more humid climates.

Management Keys

When seeded with alfalfa for a grass legume mix, Haymaster should be placed in a large seedbox to reduce the possibility of sorting during planting. The seeding rate will vary with soil fertility and farm management. The higher the levels of free nitrogen in the soil, the lower the suggested seeding rate. Excess nitrogen in the soil solution will be rapidly taken up by the grass seedlings, and they will dominate if the grass seeding rates are too high. It is best to start with a lower grass rate to find the individual producer's acceptable seeding rate.



Components	%
Tall Fescue	75
Orchardgrass	20
Timothy	5

