



Fantastic
ANNUAL RYEGRASS
The Early Northern Performer

From the Heart of Texas to the hills of Wisconsin to the Shores of Maryland, **Fantastic** Diploid Annual Ryegrass is making what can only be described as “**Fantastic**” hay, silage, and feed. Showing the ability to perform in a number of unique climates, **Fantastic** is also noted for excellent crown rust resistance and very high early yields. Why settle for just ryegrass, when you can have **Fantastic** ryegrass?

Notable Characteristics

- Early maturity
- High yielding, especially in first two cuttings
- High feed quality
- Diploid Annual ryegrass
- Bred for crown rust resistance
- Excellent palatability/digestibility
- Easy establishment
- Excellent Winter hardiness

1999-2000 University Trial Results

	Fantastic	Marshall	Fantastic	Marshall			
Location	1 st two cuttings	1 st two cuttings	Total	total	Trial Low	Trial High	Trial Ave.
Beaumont, TX	2,045	1,886	5,430*	5,107	3,854	6,556	5,404
Overton, TX	3,594	2,303	11,886*	8,767	7,449	11,886	9,087
Keedysville, MD	3,143	3,032	7,637	7,929	3,701	9,115	7,358
Plains, GA	1,699	1,146	6,865*	7,148*	5,968	7,168	6,567
Tifton, GA	2,462	2,752	9,010*	9,366*	8,038	9,366	9,008
Total	12,943 **	11,119	40,828	38,317***	32,711	44,091	37,424***
Spooner, WI			6,060*	---	4,640	6,060	5,280

* Indicates entries yielding statistically equal to highest yielding entry.

** **Fantastic** yielded 114% of Marshall in first two cuttings.

*** **Fantastic** yielded 106% of Marshall in total cuttings.

**** **Fantastic** yielded 108% of trial average totals in total cuttings.

Applications:

- Beef, dairy, and other livestock forages systems to be utilized as pasture, set stocking, intensive grazing, green chop, haylage, or dry hay.
- Quick cover and quick forage yield.
- Short-term renovation
- Winter feed, especially for warm season overseeding

Method of Seeding & Seeding Rates:

Use a Brillion seeder, a no-till drill or broadcast followed by a culti-packer. **Fantastic** can also be frost seeded. Seed to soil contact is vital to having a successful stand. Plant 1/4" deep.

New fields/pasture: 40-45 lbs. /acre (*Tetraploid seed is larger than diploid seed, thus requiring higher seeding rates.*)

Renovation/Overseeding existing fields/pastures:

- Pastures: 20–30 lbs./acre
- Alfalfa Hay Field: 3-5 lbs. /acre.

Grazing and Harvest Tips:

Fantastic is highly palatable; avoid over grazing. Graze at approximately 10-12 inches and remove animals when at 3-4 inches. When grazing **Fantastic**, consider reduce grain levels and consider adding more fiber to the ration. If machine harvesting disc mowers and drum mowers are highly preferred. For high quality hay, harvest 1st cutting at boot stage.

Crown Rust Resistance (Univ. of FL)

Fantastic	2.1
Marshall	8.1

*0-3 = Highly Resistant
7-9 = Highly Susceptible

*As with any forage, management practices dictate the yield and quality of the forage nearly as much as the genetics of the product. With proper management practices **Fantastic** should provide high yielding, high quality forage that ought to result in improved producer profitability.