Forage Tech Sheet

Moxie Teff

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Teff is a self-pollinated, warm season annual grass which can be harvested multiple times during the growing season as dry hay, silage or pasture. As a fast-growing crop, teff combines excellent forage quality with high yield during a relatively short growing season. Over the last 10 years teff has gained momentum as a forage crop and several new, improved types have been developed and commercialized. Moxie Teff combines the best genetics with Barenbrug's Yellow Jacket Enhanced Seed Coating.

Seed Bed Preparation

Proper seed bed preparation can't be stressed enough when it comes to planting any teff, including Moxie.

Dr. Bruce Anderson (University of Nebraska) illustrates this point to his teff growers by saying that the seed bed must be firm enough to bounce a basketball on it. Other researchers compare the proper seed bed to that needed to plant alfalfa. Another method of gauging the correct firmness is if you can walk across the field without sinking below the soles of your shoes. Seed bed firmness is especially important if grain drills are used to plant the teff. Brillion planters are useful in conditioning the fields and are the preferred planter for teff. Planting teff in a firm seed bed helps in proper seed to soil contact and reduces the chance of burying the seed too deeply with loose soil. It also provides good seed to soil contact, allowing for better soil moisture movement to the seed. Teff plantings in loose seed beds can often be identified by quicker seedling emergence in the wheel tracks of the planter than in the rest of the field.

Teff hay sample

At A Glance

- Palatable
- Fast Growing
- High Yield with High Quality
- Summer Production
- Drought Tolerance
- Wide Adaptation
- Harvest Versatility

Best Uses

Dry Hay, haylage/baleage

Establishment

Plant after soils are 65 degrees and rising

Seeding rate: 8-10 lbs/A, large box

Depth: 1/8" - 1/4" on a well-prepared, firm seedbed

Summer Annual

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