Forage Tech Sheet

Echelon Orchardgrass

Echelon is a very late-maturing, persistent orchardgrass with good fall productivity and excellent winter-hardiness.

Adaptation—Climate

Echelon is ideally suited to the northern and central regions of the United States. Its exceptional winter-hardiness, late maturity and summer heat tolerance make it an ideal choice for pasture grazing, hay production and as a companion with alfalfa.

Adaptation—Soil

Echelon grows best in light, well drained upland soils. It will perform on lowland heavier soils if they are not prone to excessive wetness.

Uses

Echelon is effective in grazing and haying situations. It can be seeded either alone or as a mixture component. For grazing, seed with a large-leaved white clover such as Alice. For silage, seed with a premium red clover such as Freedom! or a high quality alfalfa adapted to your region. For dry hay, seed alone, with a premium red clover such as Freedom! or a high quality alfalfa adapted to your region. Given its late maturity and excellent winter-hardiness, it is an ideal companion for alfalfa. Inter-planting with alfalfa can be used to improve stand yield, extend longevity and reduce the risks of winterkill and pest damage associated with growing a pure stand.

Key Features

At A Glance

- Late-maturing
- Persistent
- High fall production for an orchardgrass
- Ouick to establish
- High-yielding
- Exceptional palatability and digestibility
- Excellent winter-hardiness
- Erect-growing plant with great eye appeal

Establishment

Use the large box of the drill

Seeding rate:

20-25 lbs/acre

Broadcast seeding rate:

40 lbs/A

Seeding with alfalfa:

5-10 lbs/acre



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