Forage Tech Sheet

Jerry Oats

A very popular tall and leafy western oat that is excellent for fall seedings. Summer seedings should be completed by about September 7 in southeast PA. Mix with peas as a nurse crop in alfalfa, or with annual ryegrass for quick feed in the fall. It has wider leaves, grows taller, and yields much more forage than "feed mill" oats. Jerry is also a good grain oat. Makes lots of straw.

Soil Adaptation

Excellent for late-season nutrient management but apply manure prior to seeding.

Wet - Poor because harvest will be very difficult.

Drought - Fair. Productive during fall or spring, which tends to reduce drought risk.

pH Range –6.0 and higher.

Cutting Management

Cut prior to boot stage for optimal quality.

Traffic Tolerance: Good. If soil is wet during fall harvest, damage can cause stand problems

At A Glance

Classic oat for forage and grain, high yielding and high quality. High grain test weight.

<u>Uses</u>

Like other oats varieties, mixes well with alfalfa as a nurse crop to suppress weeds and protect from harsh weather. Also great with other legumes or by itself.

Dry Hay: Poor

Haylage/Balage: Excellent

Management Intensive Grazing: Good

Continuous Grazing: Fair during fall and spring.

Establishment

Planting Dates: Seed 4 to 6 weeks prior to the beginning of wheat seeding.

Seeding Rate: 100-130 lbs/A Large seed box required.

Depth: |" - | |/2"

Speed: Rapid



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