



# Spring Champion

A grass-legume mix of spring peas, oats, and hairy vetch. Best seeded in late winter to early spring. Once soil warms up, this mix germinates and grows rapidly for quick spring nitrogen. The spring oats act as a nurse crop and then provide structural support for the peas and hairy vetch. Once established, Spring Champion is effective at smothering weeds and producing lots of biomass. Incorporate or spray prior to planting a summer annual (for example, corn, sorghums, summer vegetables). Best nitrogen production when left to grow until peas and vetch bloom (but before seed is produced).

- This mix works in a pinch if the fall cover crop window was missed.
- If a forage cutting is desired, cut and wilt for baleage or haylage when oats reach flag leaf stage for best quality.
- Left to grow into mid-June, it can be turned under as green manure to provide nitrogen to summer planted vegetables, such as a second planting of sweet corn or tomatoes, peppers, broccoli, late planted potatoes, or even late planted field corn.
- Can be grown in rotation before a shorter season summer annual like a sorghum-sudangrass or sorghum grain.
- If left to grow into the late summer, can provide 8000 lbs/A of dry matter biomass.

**Grazing Application** - Spring planting or late summer planting (late August or early September in Southeastern PA and to the south). With a late summer planting, it can be grazed in fall and early winter, though in northern locations, earlier planting dates may be needed.

Planted in early spring (as soon as you can get the drill into the ground), Spring Champion will be ready to graze in about 65 to 70 days.

**Must be inoculated with N-Dure Pea/Vetch Inoculant for optimal legume nitrogen fixation.**

## At A Glance

- Quick spring nitrogen producer for summer planted crops
- Can be plowed under before summer vegetables or other warm season crop after 60-70 days of growth
- Recycles nutrients in spring as soils warm up
- Can be a fall cover crop as well
- Grass-legume soil builder

## Product Formula (by weight)

56% Peas

32% Oats

12% Hairy Vetch

## Best Uses

Fall or spring-planted cover crop, haylage, baleage, grazing

## Establishment

**Seeding Rate:** 125 lbs/A.

**Seeding Depth:** 3/4" - 1 1/2"

**Seeding Dates:** Early spring or late summer



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