Tivoli Perennial Ryegrass

Although a late variety, Tivoli shows excellent early spring growth compared to other late types. This allows for excellent flexibility in the spring for high quality forage without excess stemminess.

Tivoli has very broad adaptation to a range of climates. It is an excellent variety to use in mixtures for grazing or conservation, and its erect growth makes it very compatible with other mixture components, allowing for maximum yield benefits.

Uses

Tivoli is suited to rotational grazing and frequent cutting systems. Due to its slow rate of dry down, Tivoli is not well suited to being planted alone and harvested for dry hay. It is an excellent selection for high-moisture cutting. For a grazing situation, seed with a large-leaved white clover like Alice. For high-moisture cutting, seed with a premium red clover such as Freedom!. It can be interplanted into thinning alfalfa fields to improve yield and extend stand life. Because it responds well to effluent water application, Tivoli is an effective nutrient management tool.

Establishment

In moderate climates, or in hot dry areas with irrigation, plantings may be made in spring or fall. In areas prone to summer drought, fall planting is recommended. At planting, apply 35 to 40 lbs nitrogen/acre to ensure good establishment. Plant no deeper than ¼ inch. Grazing or clipping can encourage tillering and the establishment of a dense sward.

Management

For optimal production, maintain pasture in a vegetative state with scheduled harvest via grazing or cutting. In a grazing scheme, graze down to a 3 inch height. For machine harvest, cut in pre-boot stage of maturity. As a species, perennial ryegrass is susceptible to dry conditions. However, provided adequate moisture, Tivoli produces acceptable yields of high quality forage during the summer months.