

- ▶ **Vigorous Early Growth**
- ▶ **Disease Resistant**
- ▶ **Great Yielder**

“Plenty of Feed – Early and Often!”

Verdure Tetraploid Annual Ryegrass. Selected out of Blizzard annual ryegrass, **Verdure** has tremendous value for livestock grazing, haymaking and silage production.

Early Production– There is a difference! Some producers have been told that there is little difference between ryegrass varieties. A look at data from Northern Georgia and Northern Alabama shows how much difference there really is! If you choose the wrong ryegrass, you may not only lose out on overall yields, but you may not have the necessary grass to feed your stock in the first half of the season. *Verdure provides consistent, predictable high yields, all season long!*

Variety	Calhoun, Georgia – 2005 Forage Yields Dry Matter Yield in Lbs					Crossville, AL – 2004-05 Forage Yields Dry Matter Yield in Lbs				
	Jan 12	Mar 13	Apr 29	Jun 13	Season Total	Autumn	Winter	Early Spring	Late Spring	Season Total
Verdure	1,112	2,865	5,890	6,079	15,945	1,136	1,379	4,436	5,176	12,127
Rio	737	2,411	5,309	5,347	13,803	1,540	1,806	4,334	4,444	12,124
Lowest yield	149	1,828	3,572	4,448	10,673	168	492	3,282	3,464	10,210
LSD	350	778	981	1,295	1,617	350	778	981	1,295	1,617

Completed trial data available www.griffin.peachnet.edu

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Healthy Plants – One of Verdure’s key characteristics is its improved disease resistance. The University of Florida regularly evaluates ryegrasses for resistance to leaf spot, crown rust, and gray leaf spot. Each rating in 2005 showed **Verdure** to be significantly more resistant than most all varieties!

Univ of FL, Gainesville– 2005 Forage Trial Disease Rating					
Variety	Feb 4	Feb 21	Mar 24	Apr 11	Average
Verdure	1.50	3.00	3.50	4.00	3.00
Rio	2.25	4.00	5.50	5.25	4.25
Lowest rating	4.75	6.50	7.00	8.50	6.50
LSD	0.64	778	981	1,295	1,617

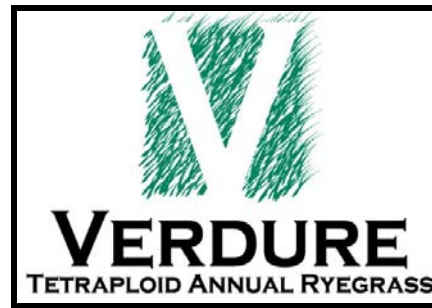
*Disease Complex Rating: 0 = none to 10 topgrowth completely covered with disease spots and /or chlorotic and dead tissue. For the first 2 rating dates Gray Leaf Spot was the dominant disease, while Crown Rust was prominent during the last 2 ratings.

Complete trial data available upon request.

Great Yields, Vigorous Growth, Great Resistance

See back side for seeding recommendations and other information.





Harvesting, Seeding and Fertilizer Recommendations

Harvesting Recommendations

While University data represented on this sheet shows specific cutting times, individual producer cutting dates and yields will directly relate to a producers specific location, field fertility, management practices and weather. Therefore, this data should be used to compare the relative performance of Verdure to other varieties, rather than predicted yields. Contact your local extension service for specific harvesting recommendation.

Seeding Recommendations

Uses	Per Acre Seeding	Seeding Dates	Notes
Hay, haylage or silage	30-35 lbs	Aug-Oct	If planted in Aug-Sept, Verdure can be used for late fall and early winter grazing. If mechanically harvesting, regrowth should support additional grazing with proper fertility.
Companion crop to wheat, triticale, rye for hay, haylage, silage	8-10 lbs	Same as Companion Crop	Verdure should increase the harvest window for the companion crop
Cover crop for tobacco, corn, summer annuals	30-35 bs	After harvest of tobacco, corn, summer annuals.	If planted in Aug-Sept, Verdure can provide excellent late fall and early winter grazing.

Fertilizer Recommendations

As soils differ significantly from one property to another, producers should always fertilize based on soil tests and local recommendations..

Verdure is available through: