

It's Official: Persist Orchardgrass is approved in Canada

After numerous years of testing and a lengthy paperwork registration process, Persist Orchardgrass is now on the approved list of cultivars for Canada.

This is great news for those up North who have wanted access to the variety.

It is also important news for those in the northern U.S., as it represents yet another piece of supporting information as to the value of Persist and its range of performance.

In order to obtain Canadian approval, Persist had to demonstrate that it was indeed an improved variety which was capable of both surviving as well as providing superior tonnage in that climate. For more information, contact us or visit PersistOrchardgrass.com



Eastern Canada Cumulative Summary for Orchardgrasses Seeded From 1990-2007	
Cultivars	2-Yr Mean Annual Yield**
Persist	7.36
Kay	7.32
Baridana	7.29
Crown Royale	7.23
Arctic	7.21
AC Splendor	7.16
Okay	7.13
Dactus	7.13
Glorus	7.07
Intensiv	7.01
Niva	6.97
AC Nordic	6.89
Okamidori	6.76
Jay	6.73
Frode	6.41
Lidacta	6.11

Hymark Tall Fescue Is Making Its Mark

The University of Kentucky recently published their 2010 Forage Variety Testing Reports. Included in these reports is both hay and grazing data on Hymark Tall Fescue. The data presents the first two years of trials at Lexington and Princeton KY. In summary, Hymark has kept a very high stand (100% cover!) under grazing and has also had very good hay yields.

You can find more information about Hymark at www.smithseed.com. Follow the links to forage tall fescues.



KENTUCKY TRIAL RESULTS

Grazing Tolerance Trial - Lexington, KY - Sown Sept 11, '08

Variety	Seedling Vigor	Percent Stand			
		2009		2010	
		Apr 8	Oct 12	Apr 6	Nov 22
Hymark	3.8	100	100	100	100
Jesup MaxQ	2.3	87	89	92	94
Lsd 0.05	0.9	5.9	4.7	3.5	2.8

Hay Trial - Princeton, KY - Sown Sept 29, '08

Variety	Yield (tons/acre)				2-yr Total
	2009	2010		Total	
	Total	May 18	Jun 16		
Top score	5.89	2.24	0.54	2.55	8.53
Hymark	5.19	2.03	0.48	2.51	7.70
KY31	5.25	1.96	0.46	2.42	7.67
Kentucky 32	5.04	1.73	0.49	2.22	7.26
Jesup MaxQ	4.91	1.64	0.42	2.06	6.97
Lsd 0.05	0.91	0.59	0.09	0.59	1.34

Great Reasons for Growing Clover

Reason #1 - Lower Nitrogen Fertilizer. Like most legumes, clovers have the ability to obtain nitrogen from the atmosphere and "fix" it in nodules on the roots. The amount of nitrogen fixed varies depending on species, stand density, fertility, weather and the extent to which the clover has been defoliated. However, numerous studies have shown that annual clovers, ladino or white clover, and red clover often fix 60 to 150, 100 to 150, and 150 to 200 lb. per acre per year, respectively. The value of nitrogen fixed by a clover stand in a single year is often several times as much as the cost of planting the clover. - From "Ten Great Reasons for Growing Clover" www.aces.edu/dept/forages/clover.html

