

## Cost Comparision

A noted forage consultant and educator, Jim Gerrish, recently made some interesting cost comparison observations: In 1973 beef producers got \$54/cwt for their cattle; today they get around \$128/cwt. However, back then, diesel was \$0.17/gallon; now its +\$3.50. Farm laborers were available for \$1.50/hr.; now it takes \$15/hour. Farm equipment that could be bought for \$4,000 now costs \$40,000. Makes you appreciate a good steak, (or a bag of grass seed for that matter) even if it costs "only" 2.5 times what it did 40 years ago!

## Attain Ryegrass Produces Big In Kentucky



Data from The Univ. of KY's 2010-11 Annual Ryegrass Trial, shows Attain to be a great option for Transition Zone annual ryegrass users. The trial was planted in September 2010, with yield data gathered the following January, April, May, June, and July.

Not only did Attain have higher yield scores than most all other entries, Attain also had high yields all season long, expressing its strong re-growth ability. This strong re-growth ability has been observed in numerous trials sites throughout the south, including Georgia, Florida, Texas, and Louisiana.

Learn more about Attain Tetraploid Annual Ryegrass at [www.SmithSeed.com](http://www.SmithSeed.com).

**Univ. of Kentucky  
Annual Ryegrass Trials  
2010-11 (tons dm/acre)**

| Variety            | April 21 Yield | Total Yield |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Barmultra II       | 1.99           | 5.03        |
| GR-AS10            | 1.76           | 4.25        |
| <b>Attain</b>      | <b>1.95</b>    | <b>4.18</b> |
| Feast II           | 1.49           | 4.11        |
| Fox <i>italian</i> | 1.66           | 4.07        |
| Winterhawk         | 1.91           | 3.93        |
| TAMTBO             | 1.88           | 3.82        |
| Bruiser            | 1.85           | 3.76        |
| Jackson            | 1.91           | 3.74        |
| Fria               | 1.85           | 3.58        |
| Brangus            | 1.42           | 3.56        |
| KB Royal           | 1.31           | 3.12        |
| Gulf               | 1.34           | 2.93        |
| HS-1               | 1.13           | 2.72        |
| Isd                | 0.34           | 0.49        |

Complete results at [uky.edu/Ag/Forage](http://uky.edu/Ag/Forage)

## Persist Has Top Yields



## Again in Tennessee

The Univ. of TN recently published their 2011 Orchardgrass report. Included in the report was data from Greeneville and Milan Tennessee - on opposite sides of the state.

As shown on this chart, Persist again displayed its ability to provide top yields. High yields mean increased profitability.

To learn more about the profitability

of planting Persist, watch the "Persist Equals Profit" Powerpoint presentation at [PersistOrchardgrass.com](http://PersistOrchardgrass.com). Simply click on the "**Persist=Profit**" link in the menu and follow the instructions.

**Univ. of Tennessee Orchardgrass Trials  
3-YR Total 2009-11 (tons dm/acre)**

| Variety        | Greeneville, TN Total | Milan, TN Total | Both Location Total |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| <b>Persist</b> | <b>11.24</b>          | <b>7.49</b>     | <b>18.73</b>        |
| Megabite       | 10.48                 | 6.95            | 17.43               |
| BO7.IC1        | 10.57                 | 6.69            | 17.16               |
| Olympia        | 9.55                  | 7.61            | 17.16               |
| Benchmark Plus | 10.07                 | 6.65            | 16.72               |
| Warrior II     | 9.76                  | 6.98            | 16.71               |
| B-7.0103       | 9.82                  | 6.62            | 16.44               |
| Profit         | 9.70                  | 6.49            | 16.19               |
| Shiloh II      | 9.20                  | 6.73            | 15.93               |
| Isd            | 2.18                  | 0.84            |                     |

Complete results at [forages.tennessee.edu](http://forages.tennessee.edu)

## Great Reasons for Growing Clover

**Reason #10 - Increased Profit** "Clovers lower nitrogen fertilizer expense, which typically accounts for 20-50% of the cost of producing forage from grasses." "Legumes usually provide higher nutrition levels than grasses. Better nutrition means more milk production, higher weaning weights and increased likelihood of high reproduction efficiency. These factors obviously impact gross income." - From "Ten Great Reasons for Growing Clover" <http://www.aces.edu/dept/forages/clovers/10reasonsforgrowingclover.pdf>

