

Bromegrass

Bromus inermis

Description

Tall-growing, cool-season, perennial grass.

Uses

Hay, pasture.

Advantages

Later maturing than orchardgrass or tall fescue. Highly palatable as hay or pasture. Forms sod from rhizomes.

Disadvantages

Only adapted to the northern tier of counties in Kentucky and even then only on north- or northeast-facing slopes. Seed is fluffy and may fail to flow in some seeders. Somewhat slow to establish. Subject to foliar diseases. Little production after first harvest.

Seeding

Rate: 15-20 lb/a

Depth: ½ in

Primary Date: Aug 15-Oct 1

Secondary Date: Feb 1-Apr 15

Harvest

First harvest: May 15-Jun 1

Annual yield: 2-4 tons dry matter/a



Bromegrass leaves are broad and generally shorter than those of orchardgrass and fescue. There is usually a W-shaped wrinkle across the leaf about one-third of the way from the tip to the leaf's base. Brome seed heads emerge later than tall fescue and orchardgrass and drape.

