

# Timothy

*Phleum pratense*



Timothy has a very recognizable cylindrical seed head and a corm, or bulb, just above the roots.



## Description

Perennial bunchgrass. Grows 2 to 5 feet in seed head stage. Has a swollen, bulblike structure at base of stem. Leaves have a bluish green color compared to tall fescue.

## Uses

Primarily a hay plant, but may be used for pasture when a part of a mixture.

## Advantages

Large, first-cutting yields, high demand for hay either pure or in mixtures, grows well with alfalfa and/or red clover. Good nutritive quality when first cutting made in boot to early head.

## Disadvantages

Short stand life, low quality when cut late, little regrowth after first cutting. Clumpy growth habit and sensitivity to hot temperatures limit its use in pasture.



## Seeding

Rate: 3-6 lb/a  
Depth: ¼-½ in  
Primary Date: Aug 15-Oct 1  
Secondary Date: Feb 1-Apr 15

## Harvest

First harvest: May 15-June 1  
Annual yield: 2-4 tons dry matter/a