

# GAUCHO BERMUDAGRASS

A CD 90160 FORAGE BLEND



Gaucho is a customized forage bermudagrass bred for higher dry matter yields, early spring green-up, cold tolerance, and superior quality. The components are improved varieties exhibiting a range in growth habits from fully erect hay types to prostrate grazing types. This diversity facilitates establishment, enhances persistence, and naturally reduces the opportunity for warm season weed invasion.

One of the primary components in this bermudagrass blend is CD 90160, which topped university trials in Oklahoma, Georgia, Kansas, Virginia, and Kentucky. Also included is Rancher, a cold-tolerant, leafy, and highly nutritious seeded bermudagrass, and another aggressively stoloniferous cultivar chosen for improved soil stabilization and erosion control during early establishment. CD 90160 was developed exclusively for improved forage production in temperate, sub-tropical and tropical climates where warm season grasses are adapted. CD 90160 is highly recommended for intensive (set stocking), rotational and continual grazing systems, hay, and erosion control. CD 90160 is best utilized as a monoculture and is adapted to a wide range of soil types (prefers sandy soils) and is extremely drought tolerant.

Bermudagrass is productive during June, July and August. It is quite productive with dry matter when soil moisture is not limited. It will grow to a height of 15-24". Bermudagrass pasture can be stockpiled for grazing in fall and early winter. It can also be overseeded with cool season annual species

## At A Glance

- Early spring green-up
- Good cold tolerance and traffic tolerance
- Blend of top bermudagrass varieties that include both erect and prostrate types
- Improved forage quality
- Rapid establishment
- Best use as a monoculture

## Best Uses

Grazing, haylage, baleage, dry hay

## Establishment

**Planting Dates:** Spring to early summer. Will not germinate until soil temperatures have reach 65 degrees F.

**Seeding Rate:** 5-10 lbs/A hulled 10 -15 lbs/A coated

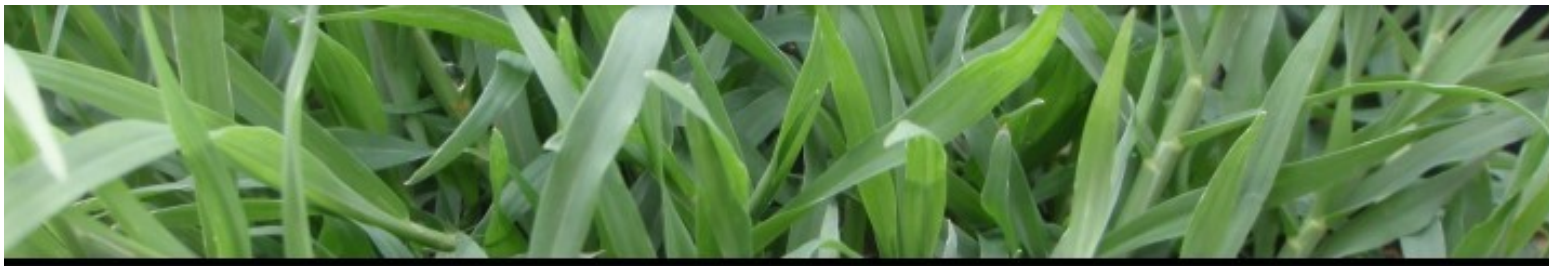
**Depth:** Up to 1/4"

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such as small grains, ryegrass, or clovers for late winter and spring grazing. The combined strategies of stockpiling and overseeding of the bermudagrass stand can save considerably in feed costs.

Warm season perennials like bermudagrass must be very well fertilized and closely managed to achieve a crop of excellent nutritional quality.

**Growth habit:** Perennial, spreading by rhizomes and stolons

**Establishment rate:** 21 days

**Nitrogen requirements:** Very high (150-300 lbs/A)

**Anaerobic soil tolerance:** Poor

**pH Range:** 6-9

**Minimum rainfall:** >16 in

**Regrowth:** Very good

**Primary Utilization:** Pasture and hay

**Endophyte:** No

**CP:** 10-15%



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