



McKINLEY RYEGRASS

McKinley is a diploid annual ryegrass from DLF's "K-generation" varieties: US genetics crossed with cold tolerant lines, then selected at DLF's Kentucky and Oregon Research stations. The KY location provides exposure to sudden low temperatures without snow cover, the OR location provides the necessary seed production characteristics. A newer diploid variety with a strong genetic background, McKinley has topped the charts for yield production across University trials.

Fall Management- Excessive fall growth (greater than 10 inches) should be harvested, grazed or clipped to 4"

Expected growth – If properly seeded, one can expect to see 2-4" of top growth before a hard killing frost. Snow cover in northern areas will help protect annual ryegrass from winterkill. Even a thin stand with little fall growth may tiller, and with good weather conditions in the spring, may reach 4-8" in height by the second week of April. This is ideal time for the burndown to be applied, if using as a cover crop.

Planting Instructions

- Broadcast at 25 lbs/ac or drill shallow at 20 lbs/ac. If broadcasting, manage the residue before seeding to ensure good seed to soil contact. Following the broadcast, drag or find some way to work the seed lightly into the soil. If overseeding a warm-season perennial, be aware that ryegrass may compete with that perennial come spring green-up.

Establishment

- **Seeding Rate-**
20-25 lbs/ac
- **Planting Depth-**
surface to 0.25"
- **Target Harvest Height-**
8-15" grazing or 15-24" baleage
- **Target Residual Height For Regrowth-** 2.5-3"

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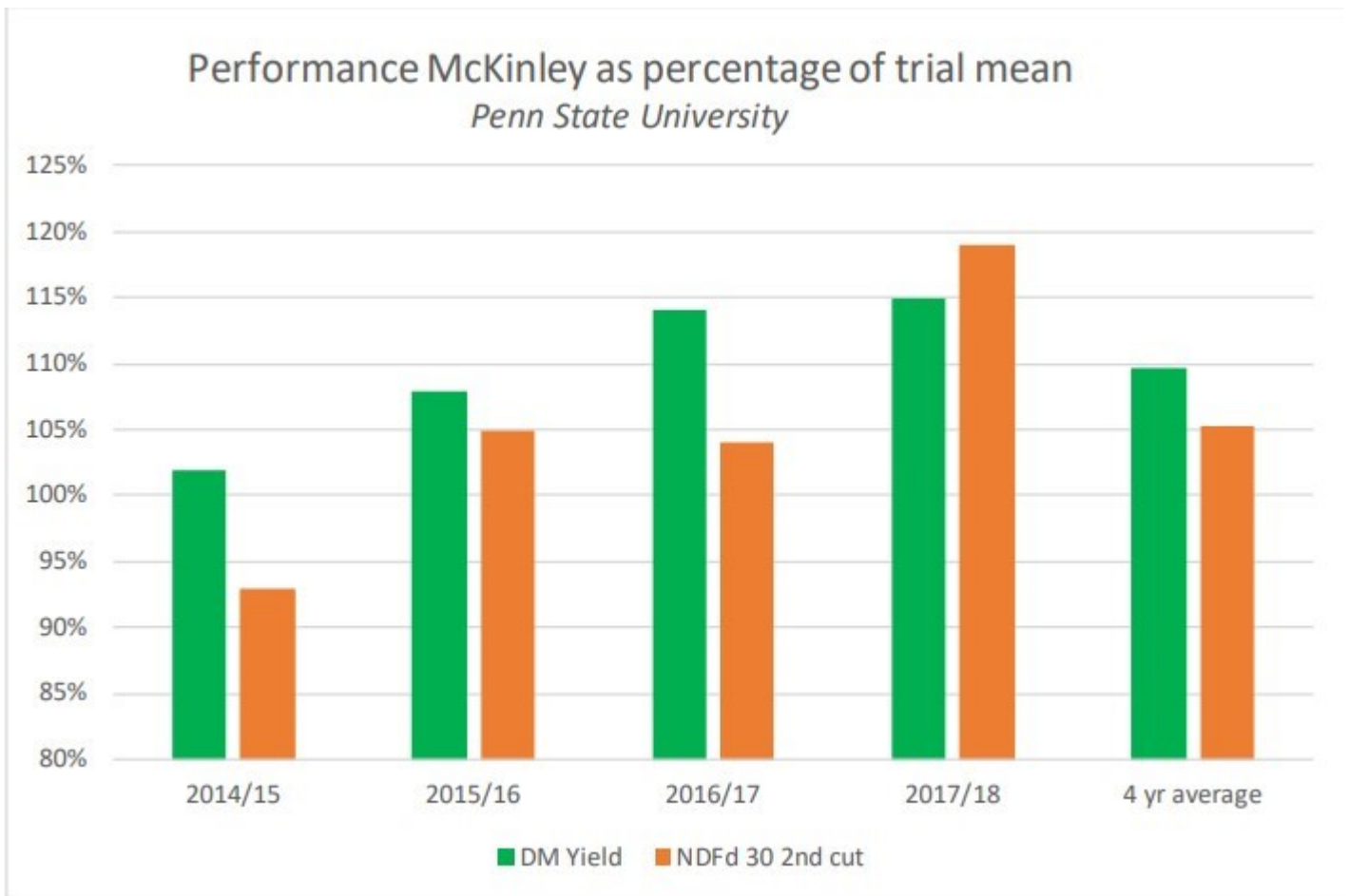
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Usage

McKinley has shown excellent performance in public trials in PA and OH, as a fall planted cover crop providing high volume and high quality, early spring forage. In southern states' GA, AL, LA, public trials, McKinley has proven equally valuable as a winter forage crop. It's built in cold tolerance is an excellent insurance against a cold spell. To maximize utilization, start grazing or cutting early.

Forage Quality

A result of DLF's ongoing attention to forage quality, McKinley is a variety with high NDFd 30. As the PA data shows, McKinley provides forage with a 5% higher NDFd 30 compared to other ryegrasses in the trial. The result is forage with a higher RFQ.



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