

PERSISTER PRAIRIE BROME

EXCELLENT THICK PASTURE OR HAY

Prairie Brome provides a high quality pasture throughout the year. Crude protein levels are approximately 1-2% higher than perennial ryegrass. Dense tillers and a soft, palatable leaf make it perfect for rotational grazing, and rapid re-growth makes it great for hay crops as well. Persister prefers not to be stockpiled in winter, but we do advise continuous rotational grazing for maximum productivity.

Persister is a problem solver for producers who are in climates with moderate dry seasons or supplemental irrigation. Its significantly improved cold tolerance for such a highly active species is quite unique. Traditional varieties of Prairie Brome can be successfully used as short-lived perennials in US hardiness zones 6-9. Persister can be taken one zone farther north (zone 5).

Seasonal growth for Persister begin when winter soil temperatures reach near 40-45 F. During the heat and drought of summer, it will continue to produce if there's moisture to be had. As summer turns to fall, and fall to winter, it remains active until temperatures dive into the 20's.

Prairie Bromegrass (*Bromus catharticus* or wildenowil), also called 'Rescue grass' in the US has become an important and useful forage grass species during the last ten years. Prairie brome is an erect, open-crowned and active species. Its high palatability, tolerance to rotational grazing, and winter-active habit is a great advantage in areas of mild winter climates. In areas with severe winters Prairie Brome may act as a reseeding annual. It has found acceptance among producers in both types of climates.

Establishment

Recommended seeding depth is 1/4" to 1/2" and seeding rates of 25-35 lbs/Acre or 10-20 lbs/Acre in mixes. Brome grasses have larger seed size than other grasses so attention to drill calibration is important. The growth patterns of Brome grasses, in general, do well when planted as a companion with alfalfa.

Management

Bromegrass requires high fertility levels and well-drained soils. Bromes will persist if allowed to go to seed once every season.



At A Glance

Key Features

- Perennial cool season grass
- Hay and pasture applications
- High yielding
- Palatable
- Persistent
- Early spring growth
- Active winter growth
- Maintains green hay color
- Cutting height: 3-4"

Establishment

Slower establishment than many other grasses, but long-lasting

Seeding Rate: 25-35 lbs/A

Seeding Depth: 1/4" - 1/2"

Use the small box of the drill

Southeast
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