



# Icon Orchardgrass

## Premium Forage

Orchardgrass is a high-quality, cool-season perennial forage bunch grass. It is known to be a high-yielder, have high forage quality, have excellent longevity, and be more tolerant of heat and drought than most cool-season grasses. Orchardgrass is also very winterhardy. The species is a staple in many cool-season hay and pasture mixes. Along with being a favorite forage option for beef and dairy producers, orchardgrass has an excellent reputation in the horse market, both for pastures and hay.

Icon Orchardgrass is a relatively new, high-yielding, improved variety. It is a medium-maturity variety that allows it to be exceptionally versatile in hay and pasture stands, along with mixed grass and alfalfa stands. Icon has high resistance to leaf diseases.

## Performance Information

**University of Kentucky:** In a three-year orchardgrass trial ending in 2008, Icon tied as the statistical winner in yield. It should be noted that 2007 and 2008 were severe drought years in the trial geographies, and Icon performed well.

**Cornell University:** In a two-year orchardgrass trial in Ithaca, N.Y., finishing in 2003, Icon was the highest-yielding variety.

**Other Trials:** Icon has also performed very well in tests with the University of Wisconsin (Arlington); the University of Illinois (Urbana); and the University of Wyoming (Powell).

### Drought Tolerance

Medium-High

### Persistence

Medium-High

### Winter Hardiness

High

### Yield Potential

High

### Grazing Tolerance

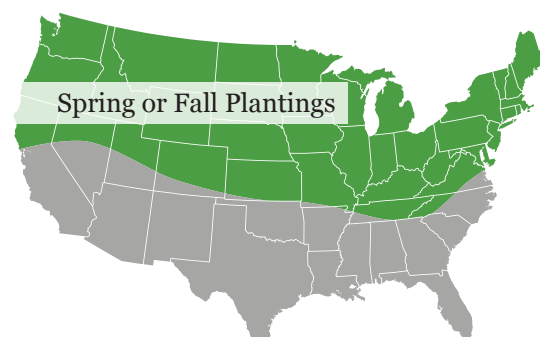
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### Planting Rate

New Field (pure stand): 20 lbs/acres

Overseeding: 10 lbs/acre

### Planting Zones



### Planting Times

Best in early spring or early fall when weather is cooler and moisture more reliable.



### Suitable Soil Types

