



Tall Fescue Information Sheet

Tall fescue is a deep-rooted, perennial bunch grass. It has more tolerance to salinity than other crops. Turf type tall fescue is bred for turf characteristics such as leaf colour, height of growth, leaf fineness. Most North American turf varieties contain endophytes, please inquire with us before feeding any tall fescue straw.

Seeding

- 5-7 lbs per acre
- 10 - 15 inch rows
- Underseeded with a cereal/conventional canola
- Can be seeded after silage crop. Latest last week of July
- Same fertility as nurse crop in year of establishment

Fertilizer

- 180lbs of N, 40-50 lbs of P per year of production
- Early in spring when it comes out of dormancy

Weed control

- Almost all broadleaf chemicals that are safe on wheat are safe on Tall Fescue
- Strong establishment chokes out weeds well, especially in second year

Growth Regulator

- Moddus sprayed around the first week of June depending on staging
- Provides large yield increase and improved harvestability

Harvest

- Swathed last week of July and harvested a week later
- No more than 30 ft swather, 25 or less is best
- Store on aeration to cool down

Yield

- 1500 lbs would be a safe average. Potential for yield well into the 2,000 lbs per acre with good management practices
- 2 year crop with the option of more years of production