

Tender

Teff Grass

Exceptional Forage Yields

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Tender Teff is a warm season annual grass that germinates quickly and can be harvested multiple times during the growing season. It features excellent forage quality and high yields within a relatively short growing season. It has strong foliar disease resistance and tolerates drought and wet soil conditions well. *Tender* is an excellent choice for 1-season hay, silage and pasture. Tender has very few disease or pest problems and requires minimal inputs for optimal production



Seeded alone: 8-12 lbs/acre

In mixtures: 6-8 lbs/acre

Planting: Seed Teff in May to July. Do not plant until soil temperatures have reached (and can maintain) a minimum of 65 degrees. It is very important to plant seed at a depth of 1/8-1/4 inch only in a fine seed bed and roll the soil firm. Teff seed is very fine even when coated, so calibrate seed drills carefully.

Fertilization: Follow your soil test recommendations to ensure adequate soil levels of phosphorous, potassium and sulfur for optimum growth. Fertilize with 45-50 lbs/ac of N. at planting time. Apply 25-30 lbs/ac of N. following a cutting or grazing if growing conditions allow another harvest.

Harvest: Depending on temperatures and moisture, *Tender* Teff should be ready for a 1st cutting or grazing in the boot stage in about 50 days, and then every 30-45 days after until frost. Teff quality is best if harvested in the early to late boot stage before seed heads emerge. Leave 3-4 inches plant height post cutting or grazing to allow rapid re-growth.

- **Quick establishment**
- **Exceptional quality**
- **Excellent palatability**
- **Drought tolerant**
- **High dry matter yields**

Utilization: In addition to hay, silage and pastures, *Tender* can also be used for erosion control and as a green manure crop. It is ideal for horses and other livestock. It works well for emergency forage crops, double cropping and inter-seeding thin alfalfa stands in final year production. It's an excellent rotational crop when replacing alfalfa or perennial ryegrass stands.

Growth Habit	Estab. Rate Days	pH Range	Dry Matter Yield	Nitrogen Required	Anerobic Soil Tol.	CP%	NDF	ADF	Endophyte Enhanced
Annual Bunch	Fast 5-7	5-8	1-4 tons/ac	50-80 lbs/ac	Excellent	12-18	53-62	28-35	No

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