The primary objective in developing Oro Verde was to create a variety that is tolerant of colder climates and drought conditions. It has shown improved persistence and establishes easily. Oro Verde produces abundant, highly nutritious forage suitable for grazing, silage, hay and green chop. It can be used as a mono-stand or as an excellent component in mixes including other forage grasses and legumes.

ECONOMIC VALUE

Oro Verde has produced up to 0.6 tons/acre higher dry matter than common perennial ryegrass. When hay is valued at $150 per ton, this can add up to over $90 per acre additional income.

PLANTING GUIDE

SEEDING RATE ALONE/ ACRE
30–40 lbs

SEEDING RATE IN MIX/ ACRE
10–30 lbs

SEEDING DEPTH
1/8–1/4in

DAYS TO GERMINATE
7–14

AVERAGE SEEDS PER LB
242,000

EASE OF ESTABLISHMENT
Excellent

LIFE CYCLE
Perennial

AGRONOMIC TRAITS

FORAGE YIELD
Excellent

FORAGE QUALITY
Excellent

MATURITY
Late

PERSISTENCE
Excellent

PALATABILITY
Excellent

GROWTH HABIT
Bunch

DROUGHT TOLERANCE
Good

MOISTURE TOLERANCE
Good

HAY
Excellent

SILAGE
Excellent

PASTURE
Excellent

GROWTH
Spring–Fall
USES

PASTURE
Oro Verde tetraploid perennial ryegrass is suitable for all classes of livestock, especially those with high nutrient requirements such as young, growing animals.

HAY AND SILAGE
Oro Verde is well suited for both hay and silage. For optimal performance Oro Verde should be cut in the boot stage prior to seed head formation.

COVER CROP
Oro Verde is quick to establish and can be used alone or as a component in mixtures where it provides rapid cover. The extensive root system of Oro Verde makes it an effective catch crop for nitrogen and can help break up compacted soils. It offers many benefits including erosion control, improvement of aggregate stability, and increased organic matter to the soil profile. It can also be used as a nurse crop with fall-planted legumes such as clover.

MANURE BUSTER
Oro Verde is high yielding with high growth rates, and is able to absorb large amounts of nitrogen from manure application. Nitrogen toxicity can be a problem in heavily fertilized ryegrass, therefore a forage analysis is recommended prior to feeding grasses fertilized with lagoon water.

WILDLIFE
Oro Verde tetraploid perennial ryegrass is an excellent wildlife feed. It’s forage provides high-quality grazing and a quick source of energy for ducks, wild turkeys, rabbits, deer, and elk.

SUITABLE FOR

DAIRY AND BEEF CATTLE

SHEEP AND GOATS

PASTURE

HAY

SILAGE

WILD LIFE

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