

Bellevue Reed Canarygrass

What is it?

A NEW Reed Canarygrass with NO toxic alkaloid content for improved animal performance!

Why grow it?

Features	Benefits
Improved intake	➔ NO toxic alkaloids and has LOW levels of gramine (gramine is not toxic but will reduce intake)
Improved palatability	➔ More palatable to all classes of livestock; pasture dry matter intake increased by 26% compared to check varieties
Season long growth	➔ Growth starts early in the season, with good growth distribution for season long production
Excellent winter hardiness	➔ Suited to the harsh conditions of Western Canada
Adaptability	➔ Tolerates flooding and is sod-forming

How to grow it...

Seeding Information	Adaptations	Management
Seed 5 lbs/ac no deeper than ½ inch	Prefers well drained soils with adequate moisture	Cut hay at heading; higher quality can be obtained at earlier growth stage but yield is sacrificed
Weed control is necessary to reduce competition for seedlings	Tolerates acidity and some alkalinity	Best quality when vegetative growth is grazed; graze to 10 cm height
Very tall; seed with shade tolerant plants such as alfalfa	Able to withstand 2 months of flooding but is also very drought tolerant	Fertilize according to soil tests; responds well to nitrogen

TIP: Manage growth with intensive, rotational grazing to maximize productivity and quality.