

Montebello Tall Fescue

What is it?

An endophyte reduced forage type tall fescue with improved palatability.

Why grow it?

Features	Benefits
Endophyte reduced forage	➡ Suitable for animal consumption
Improved palatability	➡ Softer, wider, high quality leaves for increased intake
Very good regrowth	➡ Top quality forage from mid-summer to late fall with rotational grazing; extends grazing season
Winter hardy	➡ Suited to the harsh conditions of Western Canada
Outstanding adaptability	➡ Tolerates heat, DROUGHT, low fertility, poor drainage and variable soil pH

How to grow it...

Seeding Information	Adaptations	Management
Seed 6 - 8 lbs/ac	Prefers cool, moist conditions and will tolerate flooding	Start grazing after 6-8 inches of growth achieved; cut or graze to 3 inch height
Seed at a depth of ¼ to ½ inch into a firm seedbed	Tolerance to saline, acidic, and alkaline soils	For the best quality hay, cut when the first seed heads appear
Seedlings generally require one year for establishment	Drought tolerant with moderate levels of persistence	Fertilize according to soil tests; without tests, apply N=30 lbs, P=70 lbs and K=50 lbs/ac
Seed with less aggressive species	Responds to grazing pressure; produces more tillers from basal buds	Subsequent applications of N after grazing or harvesting improves productivity