

Bull Birdsfoot Trefoil

What is it?

A non-bloat legume alternative to alfalfa for wetter areas!

Why grow it?

Features		Benefits
Leafy, fine stems	➔	Highly palatable, protein-packed forage with good season long production for better gains
Bloat resistant	➔	Does NOT induce bloat making it perfect for grazing
Improved yields	➔	Yields 103% of Leo
Persistence	➔	Stand longevity ensured by its ability to reseed itself and its improved winter hardiness
Adaptability	➔	Performs in conditions that are less than optimal for alfalfa

How to grow it...

Seeding Information	Adaptations	Management
Seed 5 -7 lbs/ac no deeper than ½ inch; inoculate seed	Grows best in Gray luvisol and black soil zones	Produces 2/3 the forage yield of alfalfa in a one cut hay system; cut at 10% bloom
Slow to establish; weed control aids in establishment	Tolerant to some flooding and waterlogged soils	Allow 15-25 cm of regrowth between grazings; does NOT cause bloat
Can be grown in mixtures with grasses like timothy for hay	Tolerates acidic and alkaline soils; moderate tolerance to salinity	Fertilize according to soil tests; tolerates low fertility

TIP: Mix with alfalfa and timothy blends to take the variation in production out of variable land.