

ORCHARDGRASS



FORAGE

**Sundown
Orchardgrass**

Later maturing, higher productivity!

SUNDOWN orchardgrass was bred not only for improved forage quality, but also for improved resistance to foliar diseases (such as leaf rust and leaf spot) which can adversely affect forage quality. Maturity is similar to that of Pennlate. Sundown is highly compatible in mixes with alfalfa, timothy, and clovers.

- Late maturity- up to 7 days later than Potomac
- Suitable for grazing or haying
- Aggressive tillering
- Fast re-growth

PLANTING GUIDE

SEEDING RATE ALONE/ ACRE	15–20 lbs
SEEDING RATE IN MIX/ ACRE	5–8 lbs
SEEDING DEPTH	1/4–1/2in
DAYS TO GERMINATE	10–21
AVERAGE SEEDS PER LB	570,000
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

ECONOMIC VALUE

HIGHER YIELDS- MORE PROFIT

Michigan State University
Lake City Research Station, MI 2017
Dry Matter Yield, Cool Season
Tons Per Acre

SUNDOWN (GO-BXCR)	4.01
INTENSIV	3.85
PERSIST	3.85
POTOMAC	3.69

IMPROVED FORAGE QUALITY

Cornell University, 2016
Spring Forage Quality
Neutral Detergent Fiber Digestibility (% NDFd)

SUNDOWN (GO-BXCR)	82
PENNLATE	80
PERSIST	79
ELISE	79

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