# **FORB FEAST**

# **SOUTHERN CHICORY BLEND**

# USES

Forb Feast is an ideal component of a complex mixture, offering unique health benefits as a pasture supplement. Not only does it contain a relatively high amount of minerals and energy, but Forb Feast has also been shown to reduce parasite activity in ruminants. This, combined with its high palatability, makes Forb Feast ideal for livestock with high energy requirements; such as growing and lactating animals. In addition, Forb Feast allows for later summer grazing due to its deep roots and drought tolerance.

# ESTABLISHMENT

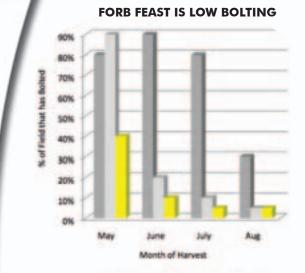
Forb feast tolerates a large range of planting conditions. However, it is important to insure seed is planted in a firm, moist, seedbed. Forb Feast can be broadcasted or drilled. It is very important not to plant the seed too deep. One eighth of an inch will work best.

## SEEDING RATE

In mixture: Pure stand: 1 - 2 lbs / acre 4 - 5 lbs / acre

## MANAGEMENT

Forb Feast is usually included as a minor supplement to a pasture. As such, management should not be focused on the chicory but instead on the major components. However, Forb Feast can be planted as a pure stand. This works especially well for large operations where livestock are given daily access. This provides equal and measureable inclusion of chicory in the diet. Forb Feast has the potential of being grazed multiple times. The first grazing however, will be the most important one. It is vital not to graze too large of an area at once. Strip-grazing prevents both yield and quality losses due to trampling and polluting.



Lacerta Puna Forb Feast Source: USDA-ARS, Rock Springs, PA, 2000



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Forb Feast chicory is a high quality, reduced bolting chicory blend. Reduced bolting equates to higher feed value. Leafiness of Forb Feast is impressive. It is an excellent source of digestible energy, protein and minerals. In addition, chicory has been shown to have key anti-parasitic properties in small ruminants. Forb Feast has proven itself in livestock and wildlife programs. Its deep taproot lends persistence and production in extreme heat and moisture stress. It also exhibits winter-hardiness. Forb Feast is ideal as a component in a mixture with both warm and coolseason grasses and legumes.

Bolts later than Puna

- Perfect pasture supplement
- Survives in areas areas where clovers fail
- Deep rooted and very drought tolerant
- ► Highly palatable and nutritious
- Great source of protein and energy
- Anti-parasitic properties, enhancing animal health
- Great for extending grazing into summer

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# Great in a mixed stand

### **ADAPTATION - CLIMATE**

Forb Feast is adapted to a wide range of climates. It exhibits winter-hardiness as well as drought tolerance. It is suitable for use in all major climates of the United States.

### **ADAPTATION - SOIL**

Forb Feast chicory performs well in less than ideal conditions. Chicory is a deep rooted plant that prefers light to medium soils that are at least moderately drained. Chicory will persist under minimal fertility levels and can tolerate a broad range of conditions. However, with high fertility and appropriate fertilization, Forb Feast will produce impressive yields.

Forb Feast has a strong root system

CHICOR