



STF-43™

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Highly Digestible



Late Maturing

Key features

- Soft-leaf tall fescue
- Late Maturing
- Yields equal to or greater than alfalfa
- High amounts of digestible fiber

Seeding Rate:

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A premium blend of late maturing soft leaf tall fescues, STF-43™ is composed of varieties that provide exceptional levels of dry matter and digestible fiber.

As part of our NutriFiber® family of products, STF-43 promotes rumen health and productivity. These varieties provide exceptional levels of digestible fiber per pound of dry matter fed. STF-43 is also well suited for cutting systems and is an excellent selection for planting with alfalfa and other legumes.

Technical Information

Applications

Fed to high-producing animals such as lactating dairy cows, STF-43 provides energy derived from digestible fiber. This fiber also promotes rumen health and productivity, and, in turn animal health and productivity. STF-43 is well-suited for hay production as well as mixing or interplanting with a legume. STF-43 is also ideal for interseeding into existing pastures to improve the energy levels for dramatically higher weight gains on beef calf cattle.

Establishment

The recommended seeding rate is 25lbs/acre into a well-prepared seed bed. Brillion seeders or broadcasting the seed followed by a cultipacker works best. If a regular drill is used, we suggest crossing the field twice, at an angle or seed at 6 inch row spacing,. STF-43 is well suited for both intensive grazing and cutting for hay or grass-silage. When used for pasture, plant 25 pounds of STF-43 per acre. After establishment of STF-43, red and/or white clover can be added to the stand (3-4 pounds per acre of white clover such as Alice™ or RegalGraze™, 8-10 pounds per acre of red clover such as Barduro™ or Freedom!™). For dedicated harvested forage applications, 10 pounds per acre of STF-43 can be planted with 15 pounds of AlfaBar per acre.

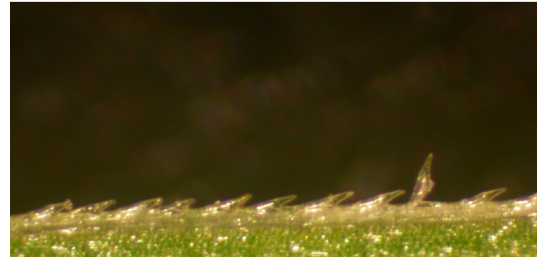
Specifications

Once the newly seeded plants are firmly rooted, they should be lightly grazed or machine mowed several times before heavy use to promote tillering. Defer making hay until late in the season of the first year. Once established, STF-43 should be grazed starting at the 6-7 inch height, leaving a 3 inch residual, or machine harvested for hay or silage in the pre-boot stage. Graze or mow to keep the stand leafy and vegetative.

Trial Data

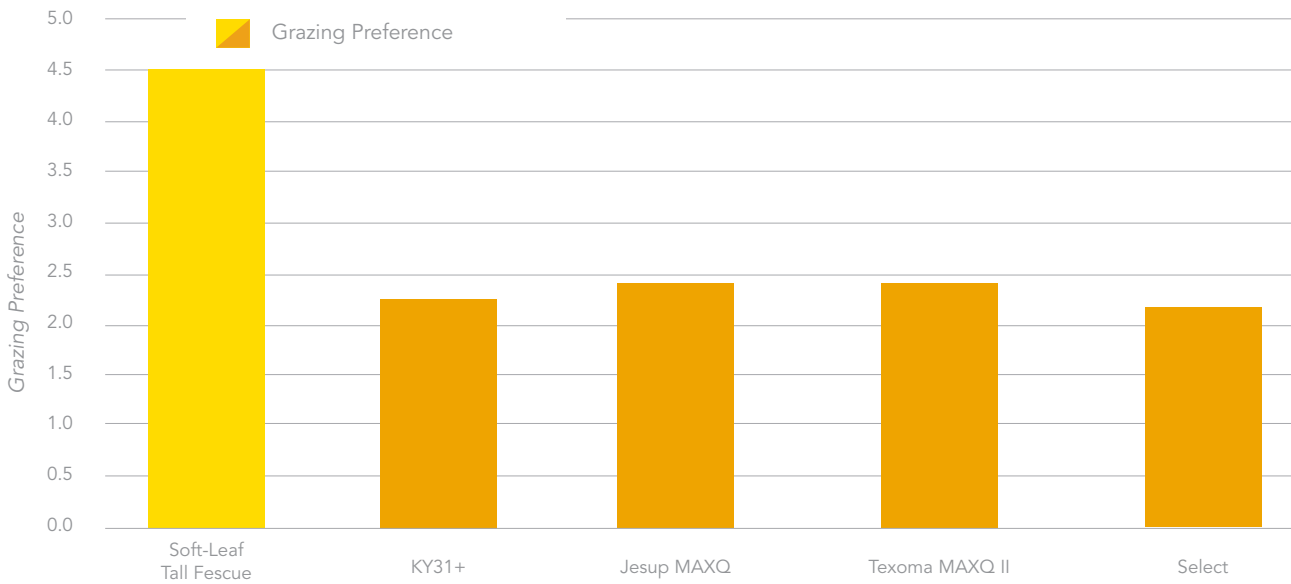


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Traditional 'Coarse' Tall Fescue

When viewed under a microscope, it is easy to see the difference between the soft-leaf and the 'coarse' leaf. With no burs, STF-43 is highly more palatable than traditional KY-31 and other tall fescues and is preferred by cattle in trials.



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