

Fowler Seed Marketing

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FSM Brand OPTimum II Annual Forage Mix

FSM Brand OPTimum II Annual Forage Mix is a high yielding combination of tall, late maturing, wide leafed oats and tall, highly digestible forage peas. Optimum II does not contain triticale.

Agronomic & Performance Characteristics

- Late Maturing, wide-leafed (forage) Oats
- Forage-type Peas

Variety Development:	Non-GMO
Seeding Rate alone:	100-125#/acre
Seeding Rate nurse-crop:	65-80#/acre



FSM Brand Optimum II is suited for spring or fall production of a high quality annual forage. The Forage Oats and Forage Peas in **Optimum II** have been carefully selected for similar maturity windows, high yields, and excellent digestibility. **Optimum II** can be used as a forage crop or a nurse crop for alfalfa seedings. In the spring, seed as early as field conditions permit, preferably no later than mid-April in southern Ohio and late-April in northern Ohio. For fall production, seed during August when adequate moisture exists for germination. The best combination of yield and forage quality is obtained by harvesting at approximately 60-65 days after planting when the oats are in the boot stage (just prior to head emergence). **Optimum II** will perform well on a wide range of soils throughout Ohio with adequate drainage for timely planting, good water holding capacity through harvest and adequate fertility, including calcium, phosphorus, and potassium. For best results, drill recommended rate of seed 1/2 - 1 inch deep into a firm seed bed. We do not recommend including grasses with alfalfa when using **Optimum II** as a nurse crop. Producers desiring grasses with their alfalfa can successfully broadcast or no-till them in after the **Optimum II** has been harvested.

FSM Brand OPTimum II should be inoculated with **Myco-Seed Treat** and **pea/vetch inoculant** containing rhizobium and seedling protection before planting.

Use an **Agri-Energy Small Grain Fertility Program** to supply balanced nutrition throughout the growing season, including, essential calcium, phosphorus, and potassium.

All varieties in FSM Brand OPTimum II are non-GMO and untreated, however, always confirm acceptability for organic production with your certifying organization.