

Fowler Seed Marketing

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FSM Brand Snowbelt Orchardgrass

FSM Brand Snowbelt Orchardgrass exhibits impressive sward density and superior winterhardiness to other orchardgrass varieties, producing excellent yields of very good quality, leafy forage.

Agronomic & Performance Characteristics

- Impressive sward density
 - Excellent yields, averaging 7.68 tons per acre in a 3 year Eastern Canada forage trial
 - Good heat and drought tolerance
 - Superior winterhardiness
 - Good digestibility with a dNDF of 65-85% depending on stage of harvest and season
- Variety Development: Non-GMO
Seeding Rates: Pasture 25#/acre
Dry hay 10-12#/acre



FSM Brand Snowbelt Orchardgrass is well suited for dry hay production, alone or with red clover or alfalfa; or as a winter hardy, heat and drought tolerant component of high quality pasture. In pasture mixes, we recommend including 20 to 35 percent **Snowbelt Orchardgrass** by weight; use 4 to 8 pounds per acre when seeding with alfalfa or red clover for hay.

Snowbelt prefers moderate to well drained soils and has good tolerance to heat and dryer conditions. For best results, seed into a firm seed bed when temperature and moisture will be

adequate but not excessive for at least 30 days after planting (generally March through early May in spring, August through early-October in fall). Herbicide is not usually needed, except to kill or suppress a sod for no-till planting. Late fall and early spring seedings will generally establish but not be highly productive the first summer. Fertilizer requirements are similar to other cool season grasses. **Snowbelt** should be harvested during the third week of May (just before head emergence) and every 30 to 40 days thereafter through the growing season either mechanically or by grazing. **Snowbelt** should not be harvested lower than 3-4 inches under any circumstance! Proper harvest height management is critical for regrowth, along with temperature and moisture conditions after harvest.

FSM Brand Snowbelt Orchardgrass is benefitted by **Myco-Seed Treat** for enhanced seedling establishment at a rate of 4oz/100#.

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

FSM Brand Snowbelt Orchardgrass is untreated and a non-GMO variety, however, always confirm acceptability for organic production with your certifying agency.