Mara is an intermediate maturity, diploid perennial ryegrass with high yields. Mara has exceptional winter-hardiness, and exhibits more tolerance to heat and drought than traditional perennial ryegrasses. Mara establishes quickly, exhibits rapid regrowth and easily forms a dense sward. Exceptional forage quality, make it ideal in a grazing situation. Combined with Alice white clover, Mara can utilize the nitrogen fixation to increase yields.

- ► Rapid establishment
- ► Fast regrowth and tillering
- ► Exceptional palatability and nutritive value
- ► Impressive winter-hardiness and persistence
- ► For grazing or high-moisture cutting
- ► Excellent with Alice white clover



ADAPTATION - CLIMATE

Perennial ryegrass is well-adapted to temperate regions. In addition, it performs well in western regions with supplemental irrigation.

ADAPTATION - SOIL

Perennial ryegrass thrives in well drained moist soils.



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USES

Mara is an excellent selection for a grazing or silage production. Its high palatability and digestibility make it ideal for high producing animals such as lactating dairy and beef cattle. Mara is also effective when used as an overseeding grass to improve stand density and forage quality. Mara is a superb choice for a mixed planting of grasses and legumes. Seed with a white clover such as Alice, for a grazing situation. For silage production, seed with a premium red clover such as Freedom!.

ESTABLISHMENT

Mara may be planted in spring or fall provided adequate moisture is available. At planting, apply 35 to 40 lbs/acre nitrogen to ensure establishment. Mara's seedling vigor and rapid establishment contribute to its success in no-till applications. Grazing or clipping encourages tillering and sward establishment.

SEEDING RATE

Precision-drilled: 30 lbs/acre
Overseeding: 15 lbs/acre
Broadcast seeding: 35-40 lbs/acre

MANAGEMENT

For optimal production, maintain pasture in a vegetative state through uniform grazing or cutting. In a grazing application, graze at 6 inches to a residual of 3 inches and, for machine harvest, harvest in pre-boot stage of maturity. Mara has shown improved tolerance to extreme summer conditions.



