

## Fowler Seed Marketing

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## **FSM Brand Organic OPtimum Forage Mix**

**FSM Brand Organic OPTimum Forage Mix** is a high yielding combination of tall, late maturing, wide leafed oats and tall, highly digestible forage peas. Organic **OPTimum** does <u>not</u> contain triticale.

## Agronomic & Performance Characteristics

- **FEAST Organic Forage Oats** are late maturing, wide leafed, highly digestible variety.
- **N-Pea** Forage Peas are vigorous, aggressive nitrogen fixers, high protein forage.

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



**FSM Brand Organic Optimum** is suited for spring or fall production of a high quality annual forage. The **FEAST** Forage Oats and **N-Pea** forage peas in **Organic Optimum** have been carefully selected for similar maturity windows, high yields, and excellent digestibility. **Organic Optimum** 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 ger-

mination. 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). **Organic OPTimum** 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 <u>not</u> recommend including grasses with alfalfa when using **Organic OPTimum** as a nurse crop. Producers desiring grasses with their alfalfa can successfully broadcast or no-till them in after the **Organic OPTimum** 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 our BioEnhanced Annual Forage Fertility
Program to supply balanced nutrition
throughout the growing season, including,
essential calcium, phosphorus, and potassium.

FSM Brand Organic OPTimum Forage Mix is Certified Organic by NICS.

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