

# 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 our **Bio-Enhanced Grass 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.*