



# Frost Seeding

## Want more out of your pastures or hay fields?

Consider frost seeding. It can be a good option for establishing new forage species into an existing stand. Consider forage species in the list below or use our Pasture Refresher Mix that is specifically formulated for frost seeding. For best results pastures should also be fertilized to meet their nutrient needs in early spring.

Species Well Suited for Frost Seeding:		
Species	seeded alone (lbs. / acre)	seeded as part of a mix (lbs. / acre)
Clover, Alsike	3 – 5	2 – 3
Clover, Ladino	2 – 3	1 – 2
Clover, Red	5 – 8	3 – 4
Festulolium	10 – 35	6 – 20
Orchardgrass	5 – 7	2 – 4
Ryegrass, Italian or Annual	20 – 40	10 – 25
Ryegrass, Perennial	10 – 35	6 – 20

### Seeding Method and Timing

The basic principle of frost seeding is that alternating freezing and thawing, along with spring rains, will incorporate the seed into the soil surface where it will be able to germinate and grow. Consequently, seeding should occur when the snow is gone and nights are still cold enough to freeze the soil surface, usually in late February or March.

## **INTRODUCING** a new pasture mix from Preferred Seed Company designed for frost seeding!

### **FORAGE** **EXTRA** Pasture Refresher Mix

- 30% Duo Festulolium
- 25% Garibaldi Tetraploid Perennial Ryegrass
- 20% Crown Royale Orchardgrass
- 15% Zorro Italian Ryegrass
- 10% Jumbo Ladino Clover
  - A premier mix designed for overseeding or frost seeding an existing pasture or meadow.
  - Improves quality and yield of existing stands.
  - Well suited for livestock and horses.
  - Can be seeded straight for new stand establishment.
  - Seed at half rate in two directions when broadcasting for best results.
  - Seeding Rate: 15 – 35 lbs./acre



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**straight clovers and other grasses available for frost seeding**