Product Sheet Rival Reed Canarygrass

Introduction:

Rival Reed Canarygrass has a low alkaloid content, this has a positive effect on livestock, promoting better intake and greater weight gains over common reed canarygrass.

Advantages:

- Erect growth habit
- Winter hardy
- Tryptamine alkaloid free
- Excellent spring vigour
- Disease resistant
- Flood and drought tolerant

Livestock Benefits:

- Greater palatability
- Well balanced
- Highly nutritious
- Highly digestible

Production Guide

Preparation: Rival performs well on a wide range of soil types. It is the best choice for areas prone to flooding and requires no special attention.

Seeding: Rival should be seeded at 10 lbs./acre. Seed with a drill to assure shallow seed placement (1/2") into a firm well prepared seedbed. If a companion crop is to be used, remove the crop early as green feed to ensure proper establishment. Rival can also successfully be seeded after removal of an early annual crop; provided you seed it before the middle of August and good rainfall follows.

Weed control: Careful attention to weed control will improve stand establishment and productivity. Consult your Provincial Weed Guide for recommendations.

Fertilization: Nitrogen fertilizer improves yield and quality of Rival Reed Canarygrass tremendously. Soil testing for optimum fertilizer application is recommended.

Harvesting: For the highest quality and best regrowth, Rival should be harvested at the late boot to early heading stage. As a pasture, Rival provides a lush, leafy regrowth and an unsurpassed spring growth.

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