

## Summer Grazing Mix

The **Summer Grazing Mix** includes a variety of highly-palatable warm-season grasses and legumes that thrive throughout the heat of summer, exactly when cool-season pastures slow down. Although this mix can be interseeded into existing pastures, it will perform best in a new seedbed. It's well suited to reclaiming bale grazing or winter feeding/runout areas with high nutrient loads. This particular seed mix was developed to:

- Increase soil organic matter
- Take up excess nutrients
- Provide forage for grazing livestock
- Reduce compaction

**Graze when the sudangrass is 18-24 inches tall--other species may be shorter.** Do not graze sudangrass when short (< 6 inches) or after frost due to prussic acid toxicity.

Remove half the vegetation with each grazing, leaving half to recover and regrow. It should be possible to graze the mix at least twice. The exact number of grazings will depend on establishment, grazing management, weather, and soil fertility. All species will winter kill if allowed to grow into fall and winter. The trial will test the viability of the seed mix and several new species across the state. To ensure the trial is valuable, we ask the following:

- **PLANT ON TIME.** This mix requires warm soils (>60°F). Plant early- to mid-June in most of NH.
- **ENSURE GOOD SEED TO SOIL CONTACT.** Plant around 1 inch deep. Please either drill the seed or prepare a seedbed using a disc harrow, then broadcast the seed and lightly disc to incorporate.
- **PLANT AT THE RECOMMENDED RATE.** Plant at 50 lbs/acre. A part of the trial is to test the effectiveness of the recommended seed rate. Do what you can to seed at the correct rate.
- **TAKE PICTURES.** Please document the growth of the cover crop with photos. If you don't have a camera, let us know and we're happy and take photos for you.

Cover Type	Species	lbs/ac	% of Mix
Brassicas	Hybrid Turnip	1.5	3%
Warm Season Grasses	Japanese Millet	5	10%
Warm Season Grasses	BMR Sudangrass	4	8%
Warm Season Legumes	Cowpea	11	22%
Warm Season Legumes	Forage Soybean	11	22%
Cool Season Grasses - Grains	Forage Oats	17	34%
<i>Inoculant needed for soybean and cowpea</i>		50	100%

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