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BG-34 AND THE TOTAL FARM CONCEPT

With its high yield and performance and excellent digestibility, BG-34 has been the choice of farmers across the USA for outstanding meat and milk production. BG-34 is proven to be both persistent and high quality, delivering the performance that today's high yielding, high genetic merit animals most benefit from. With high sward density, good wear tolerance and excellent growth in the fall and spring, BG-34 is an ideal way to extend the grazing season. It also complements summer annuals and biennials perfectly and is considered to be an integral part of Barenbrug's Total Farm Concept. The Total Farm Concept's goal is to balance the requirements of the herd and the growth profile of the farm with the production characteristics of differing forages. A customized mixture can be created which accommodates all these needs. More details can be obtained from Barenbrug USA at toll-free 1.800.547.4101.

ALICE WHITE CLOVER - THE LEADING WHITE CLOVER FOR THE USA

White clover is mainly used in grazing pastures for its high nutritive value (both protein and minerals). Traditionally there are two types of white clover: the small leaved and highly persistent varieties, and the large leaved and less persistent varieties. Alice white clover is the first variety that successfully combines large leaves (high productivity) and persistence.

Like other legumes, Alice white clover has the ability to fix Nitrogen from the air. In fact, rhizobia that live on the roots of white clover fix the Nitrogen for the plants. This Nitrogen becomes available to the clover plants and in time it is made available to the grass that grows with the white clover. Alice shows a remarkable Nitrogen-fixing capacity as is demonstrated in many cases.



As the photograph demonstrates, the Nitrogen fixed by Alice is benefiting the surrounding grass plants and, not surprisingly, this is exactly where the cows want to be. In this way, Alice not only increases production but also enhances palatability, improving performance through increased intake.

ALFALFA & GRASS

There is increasing interest in growing grass along with alfalfa to add to the nutritional qualities of the pasture. While alfalfa is high in protein, it is low in energy, which the grass adds to the finished feed. The challenge is to match types of grass with the alfalfa which have similar maturity dates. While many tall fescues, orchardgrasses, and bromes make excellent partners with alfalfa, it is the very late-heading varieties which perfectly match alfalfa's maturity date and enhance the high quality forage. Barcel tall fescue, Baridana and Baraula orchardgrasses and Hakari Alaska brome, have all proven themselves to work very well with alfalfa.

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