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No seed heads with Green Spirit Italian ryegrass

Farmers that want quick and high quality forage should consider planting Green Spirit Italian ryegrass this spring. Unlike regular annual ryegrass, Green Spirit does not produce seed heads in the planting year. This unique trait guarantees high quality forage that can be grazed or harvested as silage. Italian ryegrass likes high levels of Nitrogen, Phosphorous and potassium making it an ideal grass species to utilize manure.

BG-34, a continuing success story

It has been 8 years since the first farmers in the US planted the late maturing perennial ryegrass called BG-34. Since then, over 100,000 acres have been planted to this exciting product. Almost without exception these fields have impressed farmers with nice dense stands that show improved animal performance. In August, Barenbrug and her dealers organized a series of meetings. Farms in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Illinois and Missouri were visited. Many, very impressive fields could be seen while walking these pastures. A proud owner of a picture perfect BG-34 perennial ryegrass field in Ohio stated: "Now that I have a field of BG-34, I finally know what a good pasture is. Grazing makes so much more sense with a high quality grass like BG-34. I can not graze these pastures often enough, the cows graze it right into the ground and two weeks later I need to graze it again, very impressive."

BG-34 is a late maturing, winterhardy blend of endophyte free, diploid perennial ryegrass. The very winterhardy, Romanian variety Mara is the newest ingredient of BG-34.

Free nitrogen with Alice white clover

Alice is a new white clover variety released by Barenbrug. Alice is known for its persistence, production and most importantly: nitrogen fixation. *Alice is capable of fixing as much as 200 pounds of nitrogen per acre.* This extraordinary trait is demonstrated in the picture. The farmer didn't spread the seed wide enough. This caused the Alice to grow in strips. The picture shows how the grass (and the cows) respond to the clover. This picture can also be viewed at the Barenbrug Web-page: www.barusa.com/alice.htm White clover should be planted (broadcast) in the early spring. Frost seeding is also a good way to introduce white clover in pastures.



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