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# Tips for Planting a Pasture



### Establishing the Pasture

There are many factors that dictate how long to let the pasture establish before allowing animals to graze. But generally, as long as the pasture is relatively well drained, you should be able to allow animals onto the pasture when the grasses have reached a height of 6-8 inches. Be careful not to over graze the area, do not allow the grasses to be grazed below 2-3 inches.

Without irrigation, the pasture will go dormant in the summer, but when the fall rains return, it will, with proper management, provide feed for your animals for years to come.

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## Application Rate:

1. New pasture - Drill: 25lbs per acre
2. Over seed existing pasture or broadcast new pasture: 30-35lbs per acre
3. No-till drill: 15-18lbs per acre



## Soil Preparation

1. New pasture---Disk down and follow with harrow or roller to break down clods and level planting area.
2. Over seed established pasture-- Mow down existing grasses and weeds, rake or harrow the land, broadcast seed, then use a drag, i.e.: harrow to scratch the seed into the top surface of the soil.

## Seeding the Pasture

1. Dry land pastures- Mid September to Mid November. The soil is still warm and prior to the onset of winter rains.
2. Irrigated pastures- March thru October.



## Weed Control

The planting area may contain excessive weed population. One method used to reduce weed contamination is to pre-irrigate the area prior to disking, thus allowing the weeds to germinate and be eliminated.

Be aware that frequently, dormant weed seed in the and soil may appear following pasture establishment.