



# 360 Forage

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## Bounty ANNUAL RYEGRASS

*Lolium multiflorum*

### Purpose & Fit

Commonly used for overseeding into warm-season perennial ryegrass, Bounty annual ryegrass can be utilized to extend grazing seasons by three months or more for ranchers. Situations containing poorly drained soils that cannot grow small grains can be productive by utilizing Bounty annual ryegrass for silage and hay. In a situation resulting in stand loss, Bounty annual ryegrass can be seeded or reseeded as late as December or January.

### Growth Pattern

Annual ryegrass grows in a bunch pattern with stiffer leaves near the base of the plant. When left ungrazed, shiny leaves can reach heights of forty to fifty inches.

### Climate & Soil

Bounty Annual ryegrass has adapted to a wide range of climates and soils but will grow best on dark rich soils in mild climates with good moisture and drainage properties. Severe heat and cold along with shady and drought-prone conditions are detrimental to Bounty annual ryegrass.

### Planting

Seed around late September or October depending on planting location. If later seeding into perennial grasses is necessary, lightly disking or even using a harrow before overseeding will improve the ryegrass stand and allow for earlier grazing.

### Grazing

Bounty Annual ryegrass continues to produce later into the fall season than many other forage species. High digestibility, along with high protein, should occur until late April or early May. Once into May, plants become stemmy and lose palatability. Bounty Annual ryegrass supports a growing cow and calf's nutritional requirements per acre.

### Quick Data

Seeds/LB:  
165,000 - 175,000

Optimum Growth Range:  
68°F - 77°F

Seeding Depth:  
0.00" - 0.5" Depth

Min Time To Emergence:  
7 - 10 days (or after the first rain)

Planting Rate (Monoculture):  
80 Lb/A - 100 Lb/A

Tons of Dry Matter an Acre:  
2 - 4

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