

# Low Grow Grass Mixture

Contains: Whisper Blue Fine Fescue, EcoStar Hard Fine Fescue, Marco Polo Sheep Fine Fescue, [Blue Grama](#), [Little Bluestem](#) and [Side-oats Grama](#)

## Seeding Information

**Seeding Rate:** 16-32 Lbs per Acre (1/2 to 1 Lb per 1,350 Sq. Ft.)

**Seeding Dates:** April – July Dormant Seeding: November - March

**Germination Times:** Fine Fescues – 7-14 Days      Warm Season Grasses – 21-28 Days

## Uses

Low Grow Grass Mixture consists of cool and warm season grasses, which are low growing bunch type grasses. This mix is ideal for low maintenance areas where you want low growing grasses with the natural native prairiegrass look. Low Grow Grass Mixture is the perfect for outlying areas on acreages and confined spaces where shorter ornamental and native species are desired.

## Cultural Practices

Prepare a good firm seedbed and seed with a grassland type drill. It is very important that the seed be placed at the proper depth to encourage quick germination and emergence. Seeding time should be first two weeks of May or when the soil temperature is warm enough to germinate the warm season grasses.



This analysis tag is your verification of variety and quality

<b>Low Grow Grass Mixture</b>		Lot # LGGM-12			
Kind & Variety	Purity	Germ.	Origin	Lot Number	
Whisper Blue Fine Fescue	17.48%	90%	OR	Z1-9-1430.3	
Eco Star Hard Fine Fescue	17.48%	90%	OR	M6-10-3601A	
Marco Polo Sheep Fine Fescue	17.48%	90%	OR	M63-8-MP93	
Blue Grama	14.72%	86%	NE	GBB-3101	
Blaze - Little Bluestem	14.72%	87%	NE	BLZ-40111	
Butte Sideoats Grama	10.12%	83%	NE	G1543	
<b>Total Pure: 92.00%</b>		<b>Crop: 0.25%</b>	<b>Inert: 7.70%</b>	<b>Weeds: 0.05%</b>	<b>AMS: 127</b>
<b>Net Weight: 32.0 Lbs</b>		<b>14.52 Kgs</b>	<b>Tested: JAN-12</b>	<b>Noxious Weeds: None</b>	

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Components and/or percentages of the above blend may vary



## General Seeding Guidelines

- A. SEED TIMING
  - a. Seed from April 15<sup>th</sup> to June 21<sup>st</sup> or
  - b. Dormant Seeding after November 15<sup>th</sup> will germinate the following Spring and requires at least 25% more seed because some will be lost
- B. SITE PREPARATION
  - a. Conduct one soil test per acre to determine soil additives needed
  - b. Ensure soil pH is between 6.0 and 7.0
  - c. Eliminate existing vegetation
    - i. Spray with non-selective herbicide
    - ii. Remove dead vegetation through mechanical means
  - d. Add recommended soil amendments, pH adjustment materials, and fertilizer
  - e. Plow and disk area twice or till soil to a 4-6 inch depth
  - f. Remove rocks and debris larger than one inch diameter
  - g. Culti-pack to ensure a firm seedbed
  - h. Apply 1 lb phosphorous (P) (2.27 lbs P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) / 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> to soil surface
- C. SEEDING METHOD
  - a. Seeding method is based on slope and soil at site
  - b. Broadcast-, drop-, slit-, or drill-seed flat areas where erosion is not a concern
    - i. Seed should be planted 0.125 to 0.25 inches below soil surface
    - ii. Plant two directions putting ½ of seed down each direction
    - iii. Gently roll, rake, or culti-pack seeded area to ensure good soil-to-seed contact
  - c. Hydro-seed steep slopes where erosion is a concern
    - i. When hydro-seeding, broadcast ½ of the seed before hydro-seed mixture is applied and place ½ of the seed in hydro-seed mixture
- D. WATERING REQUIREMENTS
  - a. Water to field capacity immediately after seeding
  - b. The first three weeks after seeding. keep top 1.5 inches of soil moist\*
  - c. Weeks four through six after seeding, water 3-4 times per week
  - d. Six weeks after seeding water when plants begin to show draught stress

\*Number of times to water per day depends on temperature, humidity, wind, and rainfall
- E. FERTILIZING & MOWING
  - a. Fertilization schedule should be based on soil tests for native grasses
  - b. Mowing is important for native grass establishment
    - i. Four weeks after seeding mow to a height of 6 inches
    - ii. Following first mowing, mow every 4th weeks at a height of 12 inches until August and then cease mowing
    - iii. Do not mow after the first year