



RAPIDO

diploid annual ryegrass



VARIETY SUMMARY

Rapido is an earlier maturing diploid annual ryegrass which provides high-quality cool-season forage early in the year. It is ideal for hay, grazing, stored feed, and other uses where abundant early forage is desired.

EARLY SEASON GROWTH/FAST REGROWTH

Trial results indicate Rapido begins growing rapidly in late winter and early spring. This early-season growth plus fast regrowth should be advantageous for grazers and forage producers needing high-quality forage early in the season when other forages are not as active. Silage operators and cover crop farmers can benefit from the production of higher biomass earlier in the season.

IDEAL FOR WARM-SEASON PERENNIAL PASTURES

While Rapido will provide season-long forage, it should also mature earlier, thus minimizing competition with perennial warm season crops, such as bermudagrass and bahiagrass.

DISEASE RESISTANCE/WINTER HARDINESS

While Rapido is an improved variety selected for better performance and increase disease resistance, its early growth activity may make it prone to gray leaf spot, especially during warmer winters with excessive rainfall. Rapido may also be susceptible to winter damage, especially in areas where below freezing temperatures occur without snow cover. Visit SmithSeed.com for a list of other varieties more suited for winter hardiness and gray leaf spot resistance.

PLANTING INFORMATION

Seeding Rate

New Pastures: 25–35 lbs/ac,

Overseeding: 10–15 lbs/ac

Other Information

Planting Depth 1/8"–1/2"

Optimal pH Range 6.0–7.0

Germination 5–10 days

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FORAGE QUALITY

University of Tennessee, Greeneville, TN 2018-19

APRIL 22	CP	ADF	NDF	TDN
Rapido	15.71	30.90	52.38	66.24
Average*	14.32	31.35	52.33	65.77
MAY 29	CP	ADF	NDF	TDN
Rapido	11.43	42.47	66.88	54.12
Average*	8.98	42.05	66.01	54.55

*Average included 28 entries.

FORAGE YIELD

Auburn Univ., Tallahassee, AL 2019-2020 (DM/A)

Variety	Feb 3	Feb 28	Apr 3	3-Month Total
Rapido	1072*	710*	1,013	2,796*
Wax Marshall	743	785*	1,027	2,554*
Nelson	1032*	451	823	2,305
Winterhawk	912	335	930	2,197
TAMTBO	764	309	842	1,938
Diamond T	794	309	687	1,791
Lsd (0.10)	357	196	317	461

* statistically equal to top score

FORAGE YIELD

University of Georgia, Tifton, GA 2018-19 (DM/A)

Variety	Dec 12	Jan 23	Apr 10	3-Month Total
Rapido	676*	1,470*	4,911*	7,057*
Mean	694*	738	4,015*	5,448
Wax Marshall	763*	534	4,073*	5,369
EarlyPloid	784*	556	3,692	5,031
TAMTBO	643*	359	3,572	4,574
Nelson	795*	860	2,777	4,433
Lsd (0.10)	211	444	1,015	1,222

* statistically equal to top score

FORAGE YIELD

Louisiana State, Winnsboro, LA 2018-19 (DM/A)

Variety	Jan 11	Feb 25	Mar 21	3-Month Total
Rapido	481	1,603*	957	3,041
Prine	396*	1,467*	892	2,755
Wax Marshall	256	1,253	1,200*	2,709
Earlyploid	322	1,637*	719	2,678
Gulf	368*	1,360	920	2,648
Lsd (0.10)	150	254	195	

* statistically equal to top score