

Table 7-8: Suggested Seeding Dates for Forages Grown in Ohio.

Forage species	Northern Ohio	Southern Ohio
Legumes		
Alfalfa	4/1 - 5/1 or 8/1 - 8/15	3/20 - 4/25 or 8/1 - 8/30
Alsike clover ¹	2/1 - 5/1 or 7/20 - 8/10	2/1 - 4/25 or 8/1 - 8/20
Annual lespedeza	NR ²	2/15 - 4/15
Birdsfoot trefoil	4/1 - 5/1	3/20 - 4/25
Red clover ¹	2/1 - 5/1 or 7/20 - 8/10	2/1 - 4/25 or 8/1 - 8/20
White clover ¹	2/1 - 5/1 or 7/20 - 8/10	2/1 - 4/15 or 8/1 - 8/20
Perennial Grasses and Forbs		
Festulolium	3/20 - 5/1 or 8/1 - 8/20	3/5 - 4/20 or 8/1 - 8/30
Kentucky bluegrass	3/20 - 5/1 or 8/1 - 8/30	3/5 - 4/15 or 8/10 - 9/15
Meadow fescue	3/20 - 5/1 or 8/1 - 8/20	3/5 - 4/20 or 8/1 - 8/30
Orchardgrass	3/20 - 5/1 or 8/1 - 8/20	3/5 - 4/20 or 8/1 - 8/30
Perennial ryegrass	3/20 - 5/1 or 8/1 - 8/20	NR ²
Reed canarygrass	3/20 - 5/1 or 8/1 - 8/15	3/5 - 4/20 or 8/1 - 8/25
Smooth bromegrass	3/20 - 5/1 or 8/1 - 8/20	3/5 - 4/20 or 8/1 - 8/30
Tall fescue	3/20 - 5/1 or 8/1 - 8/20	3/5 - 4/20 or 8/1 - 8/30
Timothy	3/20 - 5/1 or 8/1 - 10/5	3/1 - 4/20 or 8/1 - 10/15
Big bluestem	4/20 - 5/15	4/15 - 5/15
Eastern gamagrass	4/20 - 5/15	4/15 - 5/15
Indiangrass	4/20 - 5/15	4/15 - 5/15
Switchgrass	4/20 - 5/15	4/15 - 5/15
Chicory	4/1 - 5/1 or 8/1 - 8/20	3/15 - 4/20 or 8/1 - 8/30
Annual Crops		
Annual/Italian ryegrass	4/1 - 5/1 or 7/20 to 8/30	3/15 - 4/20 or 8/1 to 9/15
Pearl Millet	5/15 - 7/10	5/1 - 7/20
Sudangrass	5/15 - 7/10	5/1 - 7/20
Sorghum-sudangrass	5/15 - 7/10	5/1 - 7/20
Sorghum, forage	5/15 - 7/10	5/1 - 7/20
Teff	5/25 - 6/25	5/15 - 7/1

¹ February to early March is the recommended frost seeding period for clovers; some cool-season grasses may also be frost seeded, but this is less common.

² NR = Not recommended.