

As a relatively new crop in the US, few insect or disease pests have been observed in the crop. **Summer EXTRA Brand Teff Grass** has been free of most disease pests especially compared to cereal crops used for hay. It can be grown in most locations without insecticides or fungicides. It is considered a low input crop with high disease and insect resistance, **Summer EXTRA Brand Teff Grass** can be grown on a wide range of soil types, tolerating both drought and waterlogged conditions.

**Summer EXTRA Brand Teff Grass** can be used as a high quality feed for livestock and horses. It is well suited for grazing. Forage quality has been compared favorably with Timothy hay. Animal acceptance and palatability of **Summer EXTRA Brand Teff Grass** has been reported to be excellent by horse owners. Protein content of teff hay can range from 12 – 20 % depending on maturity at cutting. Protein and digestibility decreases with advancing maturity while fiber and lignin content increase. Mineral content of **Summer EXTRA Brand Grass** hay is well balanced. To maximize yield and quality, it is recommended to cut the crop at approximately 30 – 40 day intervals.

## High Yielding, High Quality Summer Annual Forage

- Ⓟ Rapid establishment and fast growing
- Ⓟ Up to 6 tons per acre yields
- Ⓟ Very low input crop
- Ⓟ Resistant to diseases and insects
- Ⓟ Extremely drought and heat resistant
- Ⓟ Responds to Nitrogen at planting
- Ⓟ Requires a frost free growing season

### Summer EXTRA Brand Teff Grass Planting Guide

Planting Time	After risk of frost
Rate	5 – 8 lbs. per acre (coated seed)
Depth	1/8 – 1/4 inch in firm seed bed
Package Size	50 lbs.
Seeding Method	Drilled, Broadcast or no – till
Seeds per lb.	1,300,000

# Summer EXTRA Brand Teff Grass



**FORAGE EXTRA**

**PREFERRED SEED**  
Preferred Seed, Preferred Results

Teff (*Eragrostis tef*) is a warm season C4 annual grass, native to Ethiopia, that thrives in warm climates. Its primary use in Ethiopia is as a food grain where it serves as the major dietary source of protein. The use of teff can be traced back to about 3360 BC. It is extremely drought and heat tolerant and requires ample rain or irrigation for maximum production. Teff is extremely sensitive to frost and requires a frost-free growing season. Teff grows as a fine-stemmed, bunch grass and produces a large crown with numerous tillers. It has a shallow, massive, fibrous root system. Teff's vegetative characteristics and productivity have led to its recent development as a forage crop.

***Growers have obtained yield levels as high as 3 tons/acre on their 1<sup>st</sup> harvest of Summer EXTRA Brand Teff Grass.***



***Teff has demonstrated adaptation in the Northeast and throughout the entire United States.***

***Teff is a fast growing crop; seeded with a billion or drill can emerge within days under favorable conditions.***



## **Summer EXTRA Brand Teff Grass**

- ⑬ ***Germinates & emerges quickly***
- ⑬ ***Establishes rapidly***
- ⑬ ***Fast growing***
- ⑬ ***Plant only after risk of frost has passed***
- ⑬ ***Germinates in one week or less***
- ⑬ ***Responds to Nitrogen at planting and after each harvest***
- ⑬ ***Little weed control necessary***

**Summer EXTRA Brand Teff Grass** was developed as a high yielding, high quality summer annual forage grass. It was selected from the world collection of teff accessions evaluated for forage yield, recovery after harvest, and forage quality. Under irrigation or with adequate precipitation and high temperatures, it can yield 4-6 tons/acre in a 2- or 3-cut system in a 90-day growing season. It will typically yield 2.0-2.5 tons/acre per cutting and produces a very leafy, fine stemmed hay. Like all teff varieties, crowns of **Summer EXTRA Brand Teff Grass** can be damaged by cutting too low so a cutting height of 3-4 inches is recommended.



***Replicated testing has demonstrated the superior performance of Summer EXTRA Brand Teff Grass.***