

# 2014 Long-Term Summary of Kentucky Forage Variety Trials

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## Introduction

Forage crops occupy approximately 7 million acres in Kentucky. Forages provide a majority of the nutrition for beef, dairy, horse, goat, sheep, and wildlife in the state. In addition, forage crops play an environmentally friendly role in soil conservation, water quality,

and air quality. There are over 60 forage species adapted to the climate and soil conditions of Kentucky. Only 10 to 12 of these species occupy the majority of the acreage, but within these species there is a tremendous variation in varieties.

This publication was developed to provide a user-friendly guide to choosing the best variety for producers based on a

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Table 1. Summary of Kentucky white clover yield trials 2002-2014 (yield shown as a percentage of the mean of the commercial varieties in the trial).

Variety	Type	Proprietor	Lexington												Princeton		Quicksand		Eden Shale	Mean <sup>3</sup> (#trials)
			02 <sup>1,2</sup>	03	04	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	03	05	98	03	03	2yr		
Advantage	Ladino	Allied Seed, L.L.C.		125															106	116(2)
Alice	Intermediate	Barenbrug USA																	—	
Avoca	Dutch	DLF International Seeds					59												82	71(2)
Barblanca	Intermediate	Barenbrug USA		92															—	
CA ladino	Ladino	Public	100		124										103		100	98	105(5)	
Colt	Intermediate	Seed Research of OR		90		57										114			87(3)	
Common	Dutch	Public	100					53								78			82(4)	
Companion	Ladino	Oregro Seeds								87	94	92							91(3)	
Crescendo	Ladino	Cal/West Seeds	105		140											109			118(3)	
Crusader II	Intermediate	Allied Seed, L.L.C.											90	50	54				65(3)	
Excel	Ladino	Allied Seed, L.L.C.			100														—	
Durana	Intermediate	Pennington		94		94	88	82	85	97	93	84	87	83		101	95	90(12)		
GWC-AS10	Ladino	Ampac Seed											102						—	
Insight	Ladino	Allied Seed, L.L.C.					128												—	
Ivory	Intermediate	Cebeco	96																—	
Ivory II	Intermediate	DLF International Seeds						86			101	127							105(3)	
Jumbo	Ladino	Ampac Seed	93																—	
Jumbo II	Ladino	Ampac Seed											121	101					111(2)	
Kopu II	Intermediate	Ampac Seed	97			97	95	95	103	96	80	90							94(8)	
KY Select	Intermediate	Saddle Butte Ag. Inc											98	95					97(2)	
Ocoee	Ladino	Allied Seed, L.L.C.									89	74							82(2)	
Patriot	Intermediate	Pennington		103		87	104	113	95	117	117	99	104	100		98	99	103(12)		
Pinnacle	Ladino	Allied Seed, L.L.C.					120									111			116(2)	
Rampart	Ladino	Allied Seed, L.L.C.						80	89	97	83								87(4)	
Regal	Ladino	Public	99	96	92		125	100	116	118	129	147	107	100	100	104			118(13)	
RegalGraze	Ladino	Cal/West Seeds					127	140	102	103									118(4)	
Resolute	Intermediate	FFR/Southern States					63												—	
Seminole	Ladino	Saddle Butte Ag. Inc			108	70	79												86(3)	
Super Haifa	Intermediate	Allied Seed, L.L.C.			77														—	
Tillman II	Ladino	Caudill Seed	103											72					—	
WBDX	Dutch	Saddle Butte Ag. Inc																	—	
Will	Ladino	Allied Seed, L.L.C.	107			162	150	132	107	119	137	130		136					131(9)	

<sup>1</sup> Year trial was established.

<sup>2</sup> Use this summary table as a guide in making variety decisions, but refer to specific yearly reports to determine statistical differences in forage yield between varieties.

To find actual yields, look in the yearly report for the final year of each specific trial. For example, the Lexington trial planted in 2002 was harvested 3 years, so the final report would be "2004 Red and White Clover Report" archived in the KY Forage website at <[www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage](http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage)>.

<sup>3</sup> Mean only presented when respective variety was included in two or more trials.

<sup>4</sup> Number of years of data.



**Table 2. (continued)**

Variety	Proprietor	Lexington										Princeton										Quicksand									
		00 <sup>1,2</sup>	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	00	03	05	08	10	00	03	08	10	00	03	08	10	Mean <sup>3</sup> (#trials)			
Prima	Public	92				74																							83(2)		
Quinequelii	Caudill Seed																												76(3)		
Red Gold	Proseeds Marketing												81																91(3)		
Red Gold Plus	Turner Seed					97	97							95															97(6)		
RedlanGraze	ABI Alfalfa	95																											–		
RedlanGraze II	America's Alfalfa			91	104																								96(3)		
Redland Max	ABI Alfalfa												95																–		
Redstart	Syngenta	102												78															90(2)		
Robust	Scott Seed	92																											–		
Robust II	Seed Research of OR																		110										108		
Rocket	Seed Research of OR																		106										108		
Rojo Diablo	Great Plains	99																		101									107(2)		
Royal Red	FFR/Sou.St.	108	92	91																96									100(2)		
Rustler	Oregario Seeds												83	101	84						94	99								97(4)	
Scarlet	Dairyland	95																											94(6)		
Sienna	Great Plains	91																	106									–			
Solid	Production Service	97	102	98	84	79														76									99(2)		
SS-03-03RG	FFR/Sou.St.																		106									91(11)			
Starfire	Ampac Seed	97	93	99															98									–			
Starfire II	Cal/West & Ampac																		101	111								96(5)			
Triple Trust 350	ABI Alfalfa																101			112								110(7)			
Vesna	DLF-Jenks																		92									95(3)			
Wildcat	Brett Young Seeds																		101									75(2)			
																				107									102(3)		

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conserving, cool-season grass that is grown on approximately 5.5 million acres in Kentucky. This grass, used for both hay and pasture, is the forage base for most of Kentucky's livestock enterprises, particularly beef cattle. The predominant variety, KY31, was developed in Kentucky for long-term persistence but contains a fungal endophyte that produces alkaloids detrimental to livestock production and reproductive health. Endophyte-free tall fescue varieties produce no detrimental alkaloids, but UK research shows that they are less persistent than KY31. New novel endophyte tall fescue varieties contain safe endophytes, which enhance stand persistence but cause no detrimental animal symptoms.

**Annual ryegrass** (*Lolium multiflorum*) and **perennial ryegrass** (*Lolium perenne*) are high-quality, productive, cool-season grasses used in Kentucky. Both have exceptionally high seedling vigor and are highly palatable to livestock. Annual ryegrasses are increasing in use across Kentucky as more winter-hardy varieties are released and promoted. Annual ryegrass is productive for four to six months and is used primarily for late fall and early to late spring pasture. Perennial ryegrass can be used as a short-lived hay or pasture plant and has growth characteristics similar to tall fescue. It is less persistent than other cool-season grass species. There are both diploid (two sets of chromosomes) and tetraploid (four sets of chromosomes) varieties of perennial ryegrass. Tetraploids have larger tillers and seedheads and wider leaves. Tetraploid types tend to be taller and less dense than diploid types, even in early stages of regrowth. Diploid types produce more tillers, have better stand persistence, and are more tolerant to heavy grazing.

**Timothy** (*Phleum pratense*) is the fourth most widely sown cool-season perennial grass used in Kentucky for forage after tall fescue, orchardgrass, and Kentucky bluegrass. Timothy is primarily harvested as hay, particularly for horses. In Kentucky, timothy behaves like a short-lived perennial, with stands lasting two to four years.

**Kentucky bluegrass** (*Poa pratensis*) is a high-quality, highly palatable, long-lived pasture plant with limited use for hay. It tolerates close, frequent grazing better than most grasses. It has low yields and low summer production and becomes dormant and brown during hot, dry summers. Kentucky bluegrass is best suited for pastures where a dense sod is more important than high-forage production (e.g., horse pastures).





**Festuloliums** are hybrids between various fescues and ryegrasses with higher quality than tall fescue and improved stand survival over perennial ryegrass. Their use in Kentucky is limited because they do not survive as long as tall fescue.

**Sudangrass** (*Sorghum bicolor* ssp. *drummondii*) is a rapidly growing annual grass in the sorghum family. It is medium yielding and well suited for grazing or hay because of its smaller stem size. Sudangrass regrows quickly after harvest and can be grazed several times during summer and early fall.

**Sorghum-sudangrass** hybrids are more vigorous and slightly higher yielding than sudangrass. A larger stem size makes these hybrids less useful for hay; therefore, they are commonly used for baleage and grazing.

BMR (Brown Mid-rib) sudangrass and BMR sorghum-sudangrass varieties have been developed. See Tables 11 and 12 for information.

**Teff**, also referred to as Summer Lovegrass (*Eragrostis tef*), is a warm-season annual grass native to Ethiopia and has been used as a grain crop for thousands of years. Recently, there has been considerable interest in teff as a forage crop. It is high quality, palatable, and fine stemmed and therefore makes excellent hay.

## Important Selection Considerations

**Local adaptation and seasonal yield.** Choose a variety/species that is adapted to your region of Kentucky, as indicated by good performance across years and locations in replicated yield trials. Also, look for varieties that are productive in the desired season of use. For management recommendations, check with your county Extension agent or see the forage Web site at [www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage](http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage).

The following comprehensive bulletins may be especially useful:

- Grain and Forage Crop Guide for Kentucky (AGR-18)
- Establishing Forage Crops (AGR-64)
- Rotational Grazing (ID-143)
- Forage Identification and Use Guide (AGR-175)
- Lime and Fertilizer Recommendations (AGR-1)

Table 4. Summary of Kentucky tall fescue yield trials 1999-2014 (yield shown as a percentage of the mean of the commercial varieties in the trial).

Variety	Proprietor	Lexington				Princeton				Quickstand											
		991,2	01	03	05	07	09	11	12	98	00	02	04	06	08	10	12	99	01	03	05
Atlas	ProSeeds Marketing	107		2-yr <sup>4</sup>	3-yr	2-yr	3-yr	3-yr	2-yr	2-yr	2-yr	3-yr	3-yr	3-yr	3-yr	2-yr	2-yr	2-yr	2-yr	4-yr	Mean <sup>3</sup> (#trials) 98(2)
Atlas Select	ProSeeds Marketing																				-
Aprilia	ProSeeds Marketing																				-
BareElite	Barenbrug USA																				-
Bariane	Barenbrug USA	87	99																		97(3)
Barolex	Barenbrug USA		90																		94(3)
BarOptima PLUS E34	Barenbrug USA	122	101																		107(6)
BAR9 TMPO	Barenbrug USA	96																			97(2)
Bronson	Ampac Seed	88	100	105	102	97															102
Bull	Improved Forages	98	102																		98(8)
Cajun II	Smith Seed Services																				100(7)
Carmine	DLF International	99																			99(2)
Cowgirl	Rose-AgriSeeds																				98(2)
DLF-B	DLF International	96																			99(4)
DuraMax GOLD	DLF International																				-
Enhance	Allied Seed																				104(2)
Estancia ArkShield	Mountain View Seeds	102																			100(2)
Festival	Pickseed West	107																			102(4)
Flourish	Allied Seed																				105(3)
Fuego	Advanta Seeds	99																			98(2)
Goliath	Ampac Seed																				-
Hoedown	DLF International	104																			100(2)
HyMark	Fraser Seeds																				105(2)
Jesup EF	Pennington Seed																				97(2)
Jesup MaxQ	Pennington Seed																				103(5)
Johnstone	ProSeeds Marketing	95	108																		99(3)
KENHY	KY Agric Exp Sta.																				-
Kentucky 32	Oregro Seeds																				97(5)
Kokanee	Ampac Seed	89																			88(2)

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Table 4. (continued)

Variety	Proprietor	Lexington			Princeton			Quicksand			Mean <sup>3</sup> (#trials)											
		99 <sub>1,2</sub>	01	03	05	07	09	11	12	98	00	02	04	06	08	10	12	99	01	03	05	
KY31+ <sup>5</sup>	KY Agric Exp Sta.	102	118	112	108	105	102	93	99	122	108	104	104	93	112	100	107	124	98	110	106(19)	
Maximize	Turf-Seed	96	95															105	93			97(4)
Martin2 647	DLF International																					-
Nanryo	Jap. Grassland Forage Seed/ USDA-ARS, El Reno, OK																					-
Noria	ProSeeds Marketing																					-
RAD-ERF50	Radix Research, Inc.																					-
Resolute	Ampac Seed																					78(2)
Savory	DLF International																					-
Seine	Advanta Seeds	99																				98(2)
Select	FFR/Sou. St.	106	106	94	99	102	98	90	100	105	105	97	105	105	102	107	112	102	91	101(20)		
Stockman	Seed Research of OR																					103(4)
Teton II	Mountain View Seeds																					103(3)
Texoma MaxQ II	Pennington Seed																					-
TFD203G	Seed Research of OR																					-
TF33	Barenbrug USA																					-
Tower 647	DL FInternational																					-
Tuscany	Forage Genetics																					-
Tuscany II	Seed Research of OR																					-
Vulcan	International Seeds																					-
SCAN	Brett Young																					-

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**Seed quality.** Buy premium-quality seed that is high in germination and purity and free from weed seed. Buy certified seed or proprietary seed of an improved variety. An improved variety is one that has performed well in independent trials. Other information on the label will include the test date (which must be within the past nine months), the level of germination, and the amount of other crop and weed seed. Order seed well in advance of planting time to assure that it will be available when needed.

## Description of the Tests

**Yield trials.** Plots were seeded at the recommended seeding rate per acre and were planted into a prepared seedbed with a disk drill. Plots were 5 feet by 15 feet in a randomized complete block design with four replications. Grass plots were fertilized with 60 pounds of actual N per acre in March, after the first cutting, and again in late summer for a total of 180 pounds per acre per season. Other fertilizers (lime, P, and K) were applied as needed according to the University of Kentucky soil test recommendations. The tests were harvested using a sickle-type forage plot harvester to simulate a spring cut hay/summer grazing/fall stockpile management system. Fresh weight samples were taken at each harvest to calculate percent dry matter production. Management practices for establishment, fertility, weed control, and harvest timing were in accordance with University of Kentucky recommendations.

**Grazing trials.** Plots were 5 feet by 15 feet in a randomized complete block design, with each variety replicated six times. Plots were seeded at the recommended seeding rate per acre and were planted into a prepared seedbed using a disk drill. Grazing was continuous from April to October.

Plots were grazed down to below 4 inches quickly and were maintained at 2 to 4 inches (sometimes less) for the remainder of the grazing season. Supplemental hay was fed during periods of slowest growth. Visual ratings of percent stand were made in the fall several weeks after the cattle were removed to check stand survival after the grazing season and in the spring prior to grazing to check on winter survival and spring

growth. Because trials were seeded in rows, persistence ratings were based on density within a row and not total ground cover. Grass plots were fertilized with 60 pounds of actual N per acre in the spring and 30 to 40 pounds of actual N in early November after cattle or horses were removed from the pasture. Other fertilizers (lime, P, and K) were applied as needed according to the University of Kentucky soil test recommendations. Management practices for establishment, fertility, and weed control were in accordance with University of Kentucky recommendations.

## Results and Discussion

These tables summarize long-term yield and stand persistence data of commercial varieties that have been entered in the University of Kentucky trials. The data are listed as a percentage of the mean of the commercial varieties entered in each specific trial. In other words, the mean for each trial is 100 percent; varieties with percentages over 100 yielded better than average, and varieties with percentages less than 100 yielded lower than average. For the grazing trials, varieties with percentages over 100 persisted better than average, and varieties with percentages less than 100 persisted less than average. Also in the grazing trials, the alfalfa varieties were compared to Alfagraz, and the fescue varieties were compared to KY31+ instead of the mean of all the commercial varieties. In the horse grazing trials, the fescue varieties were compared to KY31- instead of the mean of all the commercial varieties. Direct, statistical comparisons of varieties cannot be made using the summary tables, but these comparisons do help to identify varieties for further consideration. Varieties that have performed better than average over many years and at several locations have very stable performance; others may have performed very well in wet years or on particular soil types. These details may influence variety choice, and the information can be found in the yearly reports. To determine to which yearly report to refer, see the footnote in each table.

**Table 5. Summary of Kentucky orchardgrass yield trials 1999-2014 (yield shown as a percentage of the mean of the commercial varieties in the trial).**

Variety	Proprietor	Lexington												Princeton												Quicksand						Mean <sup>3</sup> (#trials)		
		1999 <sup>1,2</sup>	2001	2003	2006	2007	2009	2011	2012	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	1999	2001	2003	2005	2010	1999	2001	2003	2005	2010	1999	2001	2003	2005	2010		
		2-yr <sup>4</sup>	2-yr	3-yr	4-yr	3-yr	3-yr	3-yr	2-yr	3-yr	3-yr	3-yr	3-yr	3-yr	2-yr	2-yr	3-yr	2-yr	2-yr	3-yr	4-yr	3-yr	2-yr	3-yr	2-yr	3-yr	4-yr	3-yr	2-yr	3-yr	4-yr	3-yr		
Abertop	Pennington																																	
Albert	Univ. of Wis.	103																																
Amba	DLF International Seeds	96																																
Ambassador	DLF International Seeds																																	
Ambrosia	American Grass Seed Prod.																																	
Athos	DLF International Seeds	98																																
Benchmark	FFR/Sou. St.	103																																
Benchmark Plus	FFR/Sou. St.																																	
Boone	Public	100	108	105	106	97				103	104								107	104	102	109												
Bronc	Grassland West																																	
Bounty	Allied Seed	101																																
Century	Seed Research of Oregon	98																																
Checkmate	Seed Research of Oregon	102																																
Christoss	Proseeds Marketing	92																																
Command	Seed Research of Oregon																																	
Crown	Donley Seed	101																	97															
Crown Royale	Donley Seed																																	
Crown Royale Plus	Donley Seed																																	
Eastwood	Ampac Seed	86																																
Elsie	Rose-Agriseed	84																																
Endurance	DLF International Seeds																																	
Extend	Allied Seed																		107															
Hallmark	James VanLeeuwen	102	102																															
Harvestar	Columbia Seeds																		91	97														
Haymaster	FFR/Sou. St.																																	
Haymate	FFR/Sou. St.	106																																
Icon	Seed Research of Oregon																		93	100	106													
Intensiv	Barenbrug																		102															
Lazuly	Proseeds Marketing																																	

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Variety	Proprietor	Lexington				Princeton				Quicksand				Mean <sup>3</sup> (#trials)			
		1999 <sup>1,2</sup>	2001	2003	2006	2007	2009	2011	2012	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	
LG-31	DLF International Seeds			2-yr <sup>4</sup>	2-yr	3-yr	4-yr	3-yr	2-yr	2-yr	2-yr	3-yr	3-yr	3-yr	2-yr	2-yr	—
Mammoth	DLF International Seeds		102														103(2)
Megabite	Turf-Seed	94	105														102(4)
Niva	DLF International Seeds																—
Palute	DLF International Seeds									81							—
Persist	Smith Seed										101						107(12)
Potomac	Public	104								98							99(10)
Prairie	Turner Seed									95							105(16)
Prodigy	Caudill Seed									104							101(4)
Profit	Ampac Seed									100							103(8)
RAD-LCF 25	Radix Research									103							102
Renegade	Grassland West									101							101(2)
Shawnee	Rose-Agriseed									99							—
Shiloh	Proseeds Marketing									95							—
Shiloh II	Proseeds Marketing									86							—
Spanish Pink	DLF International Seeds									109							—
Spanish Red	DLF International Seeds	101								117							—
Takena	Smith Seed										82						—
Takena II	Smith Seed										100						98(2)
Tekapo	Ampac Seed	88									109						105(3)
Tucker	Oregro Seeds										98						106(5)
Udder	Improved Forages										96						104
Vaillant	Proseeds Marketing										102						88(15)
Vision	Cropmark Seeds										102						95(5)
											96						85
											102						103(6)
											106						—
											99						67
																	65(2)

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<sup>3</sup> Mean only presented when respective variety was included in two or more trials.  
<sup>4</sup> Number of years of data.

## Summary

Selecting a good forage variety is an important first step in establishing a productive stand of forage. Proper management, beginning with seedbed preparation and continuing throughout the life of the stand, is necessary for even the highest-yielding variety to produce to its genetic potential. For more detailed information on yield and grazing tolerance within species, go to individual 2014 reports on the forage Web site. See below for specific reports. The forage Web site contains all reports from 2001 through 2014.

## Yield and Grazing Tolerance Reports

Reports can be found at [www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage/ForageVarietyTrials2.htm](http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage/ForageVarietyTrials2.htm).

- 2014 Alfalfa Report (PR-676)
- 2014 Red and White Clover Report (PR-677)
- 2014 Orchardgrass Report (PR-678)
- 2014 Tall Fescue and Bromegrass Report (PR-679)
- 2014 Timothy and Kentucky Bluegrass Report (PR-680)
- 2014 Annual and Perennial Ryegrass and Festulolium Report (PR-681)
- 2014 Alfalfa Grazing Tolerance Report (PR-682)
- 2014 Red and White Clover Grazing Tolerance Report (PR-683)
- 2014 Cool-Season Grass Grazing Tolerance Report (PR-684)
- 2014 Cool-Season Grass Horse Grazing Report (PR-685)
- 2014 Summer Annual Grass Report (PR-686)
- 2014 Long-Term Summary of Kentucky Forage Variety Trials (PR-687)

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**Table 6. Summary of Kentucky annual ryegrass yield trials 2000–2014 (yield shown as a percentage of the yield value of Marshall).**

<b>Variety</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Proprietor</b>	Lexington <sup>1</sup>												Princeton			<b>Mean<sup>4</sup> (#trials)</b>
			<b>03<sup>2,3</sup></b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>03</b>	
Abundant	tetraploid	Ampac Seed					12											—
Acrobat	—	Proseeds Marketing					144											—
AE110	Westerwold tetraploid	Pickseed USA, Inc.									89	100						95(2)
Amp	Westerwold tetraploid	Columbia Seeds																—
Andy	Westerwold tetraploid	DLF International																—
Assist	Westerwold diploid	SaddleButte																—
Attain	Westerwold tetraploid	Smith Seed Services					111											—
Avance	Westerwold diploid	DLF International																—
Baleextra	Italian tetraploid	Barenbrug USA																—
Bamultia II	Italian	Barenbrug USA					133											118(2)
Big Boss	Westerwold tetraploid	Smith Seed Services					98											92(2)
Big Daddy	Westerwold tetraploid	FFR/Sou. St.					86	98	82									89(6)
Brangus	Italian diploid	KB SeedSolutions					94											—
Bruiser	Westerwold diploid	Ampac Seed					65	105	100	104								92(5)
Common	—	Public																—
DH-3	Italian tetraploid	Allied Seed					91	27			89							84(4)
Diamond T	Italian tetraploid	Oregro Seeds					8											69(3)
Dixie Gold	Westerwold tetraploid	Caudill Seed																—
Domino	Italian tetraploid	DLF International																—
Dyna-Gain	Westerwold diploid	Columbia Seeds																—
Ed	Westerwold diploid	Smith Seed Services																—
Fantastic	Westerwold diploid	Ampac Seed					48	84										86(3)
Feast II	Italian tetraploid	Ampac Seed																90(7)
Flying A	Westerwold diploid	Oregro Seeds					39	59										—
Fox	Italian diploid	DLF International																—
Fria	Westerwold diploid	Allied Seed																9(3)
GRAS10	Italian	Ampac Seed																—
Graze-N-Gro	Westerwold diploid	Seed Research of OR	114															94(3)
Gulf	Westerwold diploid	Public																71(9)
Hercules	Westerwold tetraploid	Barenbrug USA																100(2)
HS-1	Italian diploid	KB SeedSolutions																—
Jackson	Westerwold diploid	The Wax Co.	66	100	62	103	59	101	72	99	106	91	91	77	70	90	90	91(13)

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Table 6. (continued)

<b>Variety</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Proprietor</b>	<b>Lexington<sup>1</sup></b>										<b>Bowling Green</b>				<b>Mean<sup>4</sup> (#trials)</b>	
			<b>03<sup>2,3</sup></b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>03</b>	
Jumbo	Westerwold tetraploid	Barenbrug USA	112														97	105(2)
KB Royal	Italian diploid	KB SeedSolutions								83								-
LHT-102	Intermediate	Ampac Seed									100							-
Marshall	Westerwold diploid	The Wax Co.	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100(15)	
Maximo	Intermediate tetraploid	Pickseed USA, Inc.										101						-
MX 108	Westerwold tetraploid	Pickseed USA, Inc.									95							105(2)
Nelson	Westerwold tetraploid	The Wax Co.								86								89(3)
Passerel Plus	Westerwold diploid	Pennington Seed																-
Primecut	Westerwold brand	Oregro Seeds																-
Rio	Westerwold diploid	-																-
Spark	tetraploid	DLF International																96(3)
Stockraid	diploid	-																-
Striker	Westerwold tetraploid	Seed Research of OR																-
TAMTBO	Italian tetraploid	Tex. Ag Exp Sta.																-
Tan 90	Italian diploid	Tex. Ag Exp Sta.																-
TetraPro	Italian tetraploid	Tex. Ag Exp Sta.																-
TillageRootMax	Westerwold diploid	Cover Crop Solutions																86(2)
TillageMax-Bristol <sup>5</sup>	Westerwold diploid	Cover Crop Solutions																91(2)
T-Rex	Westerwold diploid	Cover Crop Solutions																90(2)
Vendure	Westerwold tetraploid	SaddleButte																-
Winterhawk	Westerwold diploid	Smith Seed Services																-
Winter Star	Italian tetraploid	Oregro Seeds																104(3)
Zoro	Italian tetraploid	Ampac Seed																-
		DLF International																123(3)

<sup>1</sup> In annual ryegrass, low yielding varieties usually result from winterkill. Note: Due to severe winterkill, yield results from the 2006 and 2013 plantings were not included in the overall mean.<sup>2</sup> Year trial was established.<sup>3</sup> Use this summary table as a guide in making variety decisions, but refer to specific yearly reports to determine statistical differences in forage yield between varieties. To find actual yields, look in the yearly report for the final year of each specific trial. For example, the Lexington trial planted in 2003 was harvested 1 year, so the final report would be "2004 Annual and Perennial Ryegrass Report" archived in the KY Forage website at <[www.uky.edu/AgrForage](http://ky.edu/AgrForage)>.<sup>4</sup> Mean only presented when respective variety was included in two or more trials.<sup>5</sup> These are TillageRootMax that included crimson clover and/or tillage radish.

**Table 7. Summary of Kentucky Timothy Yield Trials 2000-2014 (yield shown as a percentage of the mean of the commercial varieties in the trial).**

Variety	Proprietor/KY Distributor	Lexington												Quicksand		Princeton		Mean <sup>3</sup> (#trials)	
		00 <sup>1,2</sup>	01	02	06	07	08	09	11	12	99	01	00	04					
		2yr <sup>4</sup>	3yr	4yr	3yr	3yr	3yr	3yr	3yr	2yr	2yr	3yr	3yr	2yr	2yr				
Alma	Newfield Seeds Co/Caudill Seed Co.															81	—		
Auroro	General Feed and Grain	100										98					99(2)		
Barfleo	Barenbrug USA							95	91	104							97(3)		
Barpenta	Barenbrug USA					74			82	84							80(3)		
Clair	Ky Agric. Exp. Station		109	115	107	95	108	104	112	95		108		122		108(10)			
Classic	Cebeco International Seeds	100		88								87					92(3)		
Climax	Canada Agr. Res. Station				79	102	105	98	102	98							97(6)		
Colt	FFR Cooperative	105		101	90								112		99		101(5)		
Common	Public		96														—		
Comtral	Caudill Seed										94						—		
Derby	FFR Cooperative				112	111		106	112	108				124		112(6)			
Dolina	DLF-Trifolium	100		91													96(2)		
Express	Seed Research of Oregon			97		91		97	95								95(4)		
Hokuei	Snow Brand Seed	103															—		
Hokusei	Snow Brand Seed	97										99					98(2)		
Joliette	Newfield Seeds Co/Caudill Seed Co.						87	89								90	89(3)		
Jonaton	Newfield Seeds Co/Caudill Seed Co.															84	—		
Outlaw	Grassland West Company													107			—		
Richmond	Pickseed Canada Inc.	100											103				102(2)		
Summit	Allied Seed, L.L.C.		114														—		
Talon	Seed Research of Oregon				110	112		108	106	107							109(5)		
Treasure	Seed Research of Oregon				103	115		103	101	111							107(5)		
Tundra	DLF-Trifolium	95															—		
Tuukka	Ampac Seed Company		95	90										92	93		93(4)		

<sup>1</sup> Year trial was established.<sup>2</sup> Use this summary table as a guide in making variety decisions, but refer to specific yearly reports to determine statistical differences in forage yield between varieties. To find actual yields, look in the yearly report for the final year of each specific trial. For example, the Lexington trial planted in 2000 was harvested 2 years, so the final report would be "2002 Timothy Report" archived in the KY Forage website at <www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage>.<sup>3</sup> Mean only presented when respective variety was included in two or more trials.<sup>4</sup> Number of years of data.**Table 8. Summary of Kentucky Bluegrass Yield Trials at Lexington 1996-2014 (yield shown as a percentage of the mean of the commercial varieties in the trial).**

Variety	Proprietor/KY Distributor	96 <sup>1,2</sup>	03	04	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	Mean <sup>3</sup> (#trials)
		3yr <sup>4</sup>	2yr	3yr	4yr	3yr	3yr	3yr	3yr	3yr	2yr	
Adam 1	Radix Research			98								—
Barderby	Barenbrug USA					94		101	91	98	89	95(5)
Big Blue	Rose-AgriSeed							82			92	87(2)
Common	Public				71	66	68					68(3)
Ginger	ProSeeds Marketing	89			118	119	114	118	112	107	113	111(8)
Kenblue	Public	90		102	133				96	95	120	106(6)
Lato	Turf Seed Inc.	110				122						116(2)
Park	Public									86		—
RAD-5	Radix Research				103							—
RAD-339	Radix Research			101								—
RAD-643	Radix Research				94							—
RAD-731zx	Radix Research					87						—
RAD-762	Radix Research					94						—
RAD-1039	Radix Research							118				—
Slezanka	DLF International Seeds		111									—

<sup>1</sup> Year trial was established.<sup>2</sup> Use this summary table as a guide in making variety decisions, but refer to specific yearly reports to determine statistical differences in forage yield between varieties. To find actual yields, look in the yearly report for the final year of each specific trial. For example, the Lexington trial planted in 2004 was harvested 3 years, so the final report would be "2007 Timothy and Kentucky Bluegrass Report" archived in the KY Forage website at <www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage>. The 96 and 03 Lexington results are in the appropriate Tall Fescue Reports.<sup>3</sup> Mean only presented when respective variety was included in two or more trials.<sup>4</sup> Number of years of data.



**Table 10. Summary of Kentucky festulolium yield trials 1999-2014 (yield shown as a percentage of the mean of the commercial varieties in the trial).<sup>1</sup>**

Variety	Type <sup>2</sup>	Proprietor	Lexington										Princeton		Quicksand		Mean <sup>5</sup> (#trials)
			1999 <sup>3,4</sup>	2001	2003	2005	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2000	2001	2003		
Agula	MF x IR	Allied Seed							94							—	
Barfest	MF x PR	Barenbrug USA							105	101	107					104(3)	
Bonus	MF x IR	Allied Seed							93	46	36					58(3)	
Duo	MF x PR	Ampac Seed	104			84		103	99	95	106	104				99(7)	
Felina	(TF x IR) x TF	DLF International		101						132	118	125				125(3)	
Fojtan	(TF x IR) x TF	DLF International							112	101	115					109(3)	
Gain	MF x IR	Allied Seed							103	77	56					79(3)	
Hostyn	MF x IR	DLF International									110					—	
Hykor	(TF x IR) x TF	DLF International			98					133	141	141			98	128(4)	
Lofa	(TF x Int) x Int	DLF International							105	107	112					108(3)	
Mahulena	(TF x IR) x TF	DLF International									120					—	
Meadow Green	—	Pure Seed									45					—	
Perseus	MF x IR	DLF International							132	114	129					125(3)	
Perun	MF x IR	DLF International							127	114	111					117(3)	
Spring Green	MF x PR	Turf-Seed	88		105	100	114	101	113	112	116		97			105(9)	
Sweet Tart	MF x IR	ProSeeds Marketing						88		82	63	71				76(4)	
Vorage	—	Improved Forages											99			—	

<sup>1</sup> The festuloliums were in fescue trials from 1999-2005.<sup>2</sup> MF = meadow fescue, TF = tall fescue, IR = Italian ryegrass, PR = perennial ryegrass, Int = intermediate ryegrass.<sup>3</sup> Year trial was established.<sup>4</sup> Use this summary table as a guide in making variety decisions, but refer to specific yearly reports to determine statistical differences in forage yield between varieties. To find actual yields, look in the yearly report for the final year of each specific trial. For example, the Lexington trial planted in 1999 was harvested 2 years, so the final report would be "2001 Tall Fescue Report" archived in the KY Forage website at <[www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage](http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage)>.<sup>5</sup> Mean only presented when respective variety was included in two or more trials.<sup>6</sup> Number of years of data.**Table 11. Summary of Kentucky sudangrass yield trials 2008-2014 (yield shown as a percentage of the mean of the commercial varieties in the trial).**

Variety	Proprietor/KY Distributor	Lexington							Mean <sup>3</sup> (#trials)
		2008 <sup>1,2</sup>	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
		All trials are 1 year yields							
AS9301 BMR <sup>4</sup>	Alta Seeds/Ramer Seed					118			—
Enorma BMR	Cal/West Seeds			99	94	92	91	83	92(5)
Hayking BMR	Central Farm Supply	111	112	91	97	97	96	92	99(7)
Monarch V	Public	104	96	102	97	93	98	110	100(7)
Piper	Public	90	91	97	94	104	105	89	96(7)
ProMax BMR	Ampac Seed	95	101	110	115	96	103	100	103(7)
SS130 BMR	Cal/West Seeds			101	103		107	106	104(4)
Trudan Headless	Chromatin							118	—

<sup>1</sup> Establishment year.<sup>2</sup> Use this summary table as a guide in making variety decisions, but refer to specific tables in this report to determine statistical differences in forage yield between varieties.<sup>3</sup> Mean only presented when respective variety was included in two or more trials.<sup>4</sup> BMR (Brown Mid-rib) means that a variety has been developed to produce lower amounts of lignin which usually translates into higher quality.

**Table 12. Summary of Kentucky sorghum-sudangrass yield trials 2008-2014 (yield shown as a percentage of the mean of the commercial varieties in the trial).**

Variety	Proprietor/KY Distributor	Lexington							Mean <sup>3</sup> (#trials)
		2008 <sup>1,2</sup>	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
		All trials are 1 year yields							
AS6402 BMR <sup>4</sup>	Alta Seeds/Ramer Seed					91			—
AS6503 BMR6	Alta Seeds/Ramer Seed					96	103	100(2)	
FSG 208 BMR	Farm Science Genetics		75						—
FSG 214 BMR6	Farm Science Genetics					99	108	104(2)	
Greengrazer V	Farm Science Genetics		166			122	107	131(3)	
GW300 BMR	Gayland Ward Seed			88	78	88	81	84(4)	
HyGain	Turner Seed	104	105	118					109(3)
MS 202 BMR	Farm Science Genetics			106					—
NutraPlus BMR	Cisco	106	97	94	103	106	109	106	103(7)
Sordan Headless	Chromatin							105	—
Special Effort	Cisco	109	110	93	94	115	120	91	105(7)
SS211	Southern States				104	93	114	103	104(4)
SS220 BMR	Southern States		107	84		112			101(3)
Surpass BMR-6	Turner Seed	81	80	64					75(3)
Super Sugar	Gayland Ward Seed				102	117	107		109(3)
Super Sugar Delayed maturity	Gayland Ward Seed							101	—
Super Sugar Sterile	Gayland Ward Seed							94	—
Sweet-For-Ever	Gayland Ward Seed				110	107	81		99(3)
Sweet-For-Ever BMR	Gayland Ward Seed					78	70		74(2)
SweetSix BMR	Gayland Ward Seed						93	101	97(2)
Vita-Cane	Gayland Ward Seed					121			—

<sup>1</sup> Establishment year.

<sup>2</sup> Use this summary table as a guide in making variety decisions, but refer to specific tables in this report to determine statistical differences in forage yield between varieties.

<sup>3</sup> Mean only presented when respective variety was included in two or more trials.

<sup>4</sup> BMR (Brown Mid-rib) means that a variety has been developed to produce lower amounts of lignin which usually translates into higher quality.

**Table 13. Summary of Kentucky teff yield trials 2008-2014 (yield shown as a percentage of the mean of the commercial varieties in the trial).**

Variety	Princeton		Lexington							Mean <sup>3</sup> (#trials)
	2008 <sup>1,2</sup>	2009	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
	All trials are 1 year yields									
Corvallis	94	112	81	101	91	101	96	100	110	98(9)
Dessie	102	87	99	92	96	94	95	97	101	96(9)
Excaliber	109	111	109	104	125	108	106	103		109(8)
Highveld	111	115	100	121	106	101	109	103	102	108(9)
HorseCandi	91	84	99	105	89	108	94	97	80	94(9)
Moxie							94	96		95(2)
Pharaoh	95	101	105	85	106	106	97	101	93	99(9)
Rooiberg	102	107	112	109	113	108	115	102	88	106(9)
Summer Delight		90		91	96	88	93	100	119	97(7)
Tiffany	102	106	102	93	82	93	102	98	104	98(9)
VA T1 Brown		89		99	87	91	94	98	104	95(7)
Velvet		94		100	97	98	95	103	95	97(7)
Witkope	94	100	93	101	115	103	101	104	107	102(9)

<sup>1</sup> Establishment year.

<sup>2</sup> Use this summary table as a guide in making variety decisions, but refer to specific tables in this report to determine statistical differences in forage yield between varieties.

<sup>3</sup> Mean only presented when respective variety was included in two or more trials.

**Table 14. Summary of 2002-2014 Kentucky white clover grazing tolerance trials in Lexington (stand persistence shown as a percent of the mean of the commercial varieties in the test).**

<b>Variety</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Proprietor</b>	<b>2002<sup>1,2</sup></b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2006<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2008<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Mean<sup>5</sup> (#trials)</b>
			<b>2yr<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>4yr</b>	<b>2yr</b>	<b>2yr</b>	<b>3yr</b>	<b>4yr</b>	<b>4yr</b>	<b>4yr</b>	<b>3yr</b>	<b>2yr</b>	
Alice	Intermediate	Barenbrug USA		59	98								79(2)
Barblanca	Intermediate	Barenbrug USA		118	91	151							120(3)
Colt	Intermediate	Seed Research of OR		114	134	122							123(3)
Crescendo	Ladino	Cal/West	84			72							78(2)
Durana	Intermediate	Pennington		83	105	103		115	102	107	133	86	104(8)
GWC-AS10	-	Ampac Seed											-
Insight	Ladino	Allied Seed				77							-
Ivory	Intermediate	DLF International	132	142									137(2)
Ivory II	Intermediate	DLF International					102						-
Kopu II	Intermediate	Ampac Seed			77	122	96		93	113	99	79	98(7)
KY Select	Intermediate	KY Agr Ex. Sta./Saddle Butte						105		83			94(2)
Patriot	Intermediate	Pennington		110	137	122		100	111	110	121	106	115(8)
Pinnacle	Ladino	Allied Seed										85	-
Rampart	-	Oregro Seeds						90					-
Regal	Ladino	Public	92		57	54		93		103			80(5)
Regal Graze	Ladino	Cal/West			84	87	105	90	87	93	85	86	92(8)
Resolute	Intermediate	FFR/Southern States			101	106						65	91(3)
Seminole	Ladino	Saddle Butte Ag. Inc.		75		97	91						88(3)
Tillman II	Ladino	Caudill Seed	92										-
WBDX	Dutch	Saddle Butte Ag. Inc.										70	-
Will	Ladino	Allied Seed			117	87	107	105	108	143	113	144	116(8)

<sup>1</sup> Year trial was established.

<sup>2</sup> Use this summary table as a guide in making variety decisions, but refer to specific yearly reports to determine statistical differences in stand persistence between varieties. To find actual persistence ratings, look in the yearly report for the final year of each specific test. For example, the trial planted in 2002 was grazed for 2 years so the final persistence report would be "2004 Red and White Clover Grazing Tolerance Report" archived in the KY Forage website at <[www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage](http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage)>.

<sup>3</sup> This trial was replanted in the spring of 2006 due to poor establishment in the fall of 2005.

<sup>4</sup> This trial was replanted in the spring of 2008 due to poor establishment in the fall of 2007.

<sup>5</sup> Mean only presented when respective variety was included in two or more trials.

<sup>6</sup> Number of years of data.

**Table 15. Summary of 2000-2014 Kentucky perennial ryegrass and festulolium (FL) grazing tolerance trials in Lexington (stand persistence shown as a percent of the mean of the commercial varieties in the trial).**

<b>Variety</b>	<b>Proprietor</b>	<b>2000<sup>1,2</sup></b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>Mean<sup>3</sup> (#trials)</b>
		<b>4yr<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>3yr</b>	<b>4yr</b>	<b>3-yr</b>	<b>4yr</b>	<b>4yr</b>	<b>4yr</b>	<b>3yr</b>	
AGRLP103	AgResearch USA	128		86						107(2)
Aries	Ampac Seed		139							-
Barfest (FL)	Barenbrug USA							111	104	108(2)
BG 34	Barenbrug USA				176 <sup>5</sup>	145 <sup>5</sup>		129	110	140(4)
Boost	Allied Seed						101	79	97	92(3)
Citadel	Donley Seed	107								-
Duo (FL)	Ampac Seed	116					95	68	75	89(4)
Grand Daddy	Smith Seed Services		121			70		95	101	97(4)
Lasso	DLF-Jenks		130							-
Linn	Public	112	129	63			95	103	104	101(6)
Maverick	Ampac Seed		36							-
Polly II	FFR/Southern States	36	68							52(2)
Power	Ampac Seed					134		102	104	113(3)
Quartet	Ampac Seed		77		63	50				60(3)
Remington	Barenbrug USA			151 <sup>5</sup>						-
Spring Green (FL)	Rose Agri-Seed	101					109	109	104	105(4)
Tonga	Ampac Seed				61					-

<sup>1</sup> Year trial was established.

<sup>2</sup> Use this summary table as a guide in making variety decisions, but refer to specific yearly reports to determine statistical differences in stand persistence between varieties. To find actual persistence ratings, look in the yearly report for the final year of each specific trial. For example, the Lexington trial planted in 2000 was grazed 4 years so the final report would be "2004 Cool-Season Grass Grazing Tolerance Report" archived in the KY Forage website at <[www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage](http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage)>.

<sup>3</sup> Mean only presented when respective variety was included in two or more trials.

<sup>4</sup> Number of years of data.

<sup>5</sup> Grazing tolerance values for these entries may have been elevated due to the low survival of the other commercial varieties in the trials for these years.



**Table 17. Summary of 1996-2014 Kentucky tall fescue grazing tolerance trials (stand persistence shown as a percent of the stand rating of KY 31+).**

<b>Variety</b>	<b>Proprietor</b>	Lexington												Princeton				<b>Mean<sup>3</sup></b> (#trials)
		1996 <sup>1,2</sup>	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
		3yr <sup>4</sup>	4yr	3yr	4yr	4yr	4yr	4yr	<b>Mean<sup>3</sup></b> (#trials)									
Advance MaxQ	Pennington Seed																	
Bariane	Barenbrug USA																	
Barcel	Barenbrug USA	92																60(4)
BarElite	Barenbrug USA																	
Barolex	Barenbrug USA																	
BarOptima PLUS E34	Barenbrug USA																	
BAR9TMPO	Barenbrug USA																	
Bronson	Ampac Seed																	
Cajun II	Smith Seed Services																	
Cattle Club	Green Seed																	
Carmine	DLF-Jenks																	
Cowgirl	Rose Agri-Seed																	
Dovey	Barenbrug USA	92																
Festival	Pickseed West																	
Festorina	Advanta Seeds	98	86	57														
Fuego	Advanta Seeds		27															
Goliath	Ampac Seed																	
Hoedown	DLF-Jenks																	
HyMark	Fraser Seeds																	
Jesup EF	Pennington Seed	63	91															
Jesup MaxQ	Pennington Seed																	
Johnstone	Proseeds	65	107															
KY31- <sup>5</sup>	KY Agri. Exp Sta.	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	90(5)
KY31-5	KY Agri. Exp Sta.	94	90	102	84													96(12)
Kenhy	Public			116														88(3)
Kokane	Ampac Seed				43													
Martin II	International Seeds	59																
Maximize	Rose Agri-Seed																	
Nanryo	Japanese Grassland For.Seed																	
Orygun	-																	
Resolute	Ampac Seed																	
Select	FFF/Sou. St.																	
Southern Cross	-																	
Stargazer	FFF/Sou. St.	90																79(4)
Stockman	Seed Res. of OR																	
TF33	Barenbrug USA																	
Tuscany II	Seed Res. of OR																	
Verdant	Am. Grass Seed																	
Vulcan	International Seeds																	
		109																

<sup>1</sup> Year trial was established.

<sup>2</sup> Use this summary table as a guide in making variety decisions, but refer to specific yearly reports to determine statistical differences in stand persistence between varieties. To find actual persistence ratings, look in the yearly report for the final year of each specific trial. For example, the Lexington trial planted in in 1997 was grazed 4 years so the final report would be '2001 Cool-Season Grass Grazing Tolerance Report' archived in the KY Forage website at <[www.uky.edu/AgrForage](http://www.uky.edu/AgrForage)>.

<sup>3</sup> Mean only presented when respective variety was included in two or more trials.

<sup>4</sup> Number of years of data.

<sup>5</sup> KY 31- is the variety KY31 from which the toxic endophyte has been removed. KY31+ contains the toxic endophyte. Jesup MaxQ and Advance MaxQ contain a non-toxic endophyte. BarOptima PLUS E34 contains a beneficial endophyte. The other fescue varieties in this table do not contain an endophyte.

**Table 18. Summary of 1998-2014 Kentucky orchardgrass grazing tolerance trials (stand persistence shown as a percent of the mean of the commercial varieties in the trial).**

Variety	Proprietor	Lexington												Princeton	Mean <sup>4</sup> (#trials)
		1998 <sup>1,2</sup>	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005 <sup>3</sup>	2007	2009	2010	2011	2002	
		3yr <sup>5</sup>	4yr	4yr	4yr	4yr	4yr	4yr							
Abertop	Pennington Seed					38									—
Albert	Univ. of Wisconsin				115										—
Amba	DLF-Jenks				71										—
Ambrosia	Pennington Seed								94						—
Athos	DLF-Jenks			93				60							77(2)
Benchmark	FFR/Sou. States	115	94	118	123	114								133	116(6)
Benchmark Plus	FFR/Sou. States				120			152	135	106	106	104	133	117(6)	
Boone	Public	131		102											117(2)
Cheyenne	Western Prod. Inc.	94													—
Command	Seed Research of OR						81								—
Crown	Donley Seed	96													—
Crown Royale	Donley Seed				100										—
Crown Royale Plus	Donley Seed					124								83	104(2)
Hallmark	James VanLeeuwen	104	103		115		113							83	104(5)
Harvestar	Columbia Seeds							75		89	93			86(3)	
Haymate	FFR/Sou. States	102	96	53	115	100	118							83	95(7)
Intensiv	Barenbrug USA						51								—
Mammoth	DLF-Jenks				115										—
Megabite	Turf Seed				77										—
Niva	DLF-Jenks					76								83	80(2)
Persist	Smith Seed							138	107	103	100	103		103(4)	
Pizza	Advanta Seeds	63													—
Potomac	Public					116		119						117	117(3)
Prairie	Turner Seed			127	121								102	83	108(4)
Profile	Scott Seed					116									—
Profit	Ampac Seed									95	99	98			97(3)
Tekapo	Ampac Seed	92	104		55	74	118		50	103	95	105	103	100	95(10)
Takena	Smith Seed					99									—
Seco	FFR/Sou. States								85						—
WP300	Western Prod. Inc.	94													—

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<sup>2</sup> Use this summary table as a guide in making variety decisions, but refer to specific yearly reports to determine statistical differences in stand persistence between varieties. To find actual persistence ratings, look in the yearly report for the final year of each specific trial. For example, the Lexington trial planted in 1999 was grazed 4 years so the final report would be "2004 Cool-Season Grass Grazing Tolerance Report" archived in the KY Forage website at <[www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage](http://www.uky.edu/Ag/Forage)>.

<sup>3</sup> Due to high variation during 2005 these values are not included in the overall mean.

<sup>4</sup> Mean only presented when respective variety was included in two or more trials.

<sup>5</sup> Number of years of data.

Stand thinning may have been greater for preferred varieties due to closer grazing. See individual trial tables for preference ratings.

**Table 19. Summary of 1999-2014 Kentucky tall fescue horse grazing tolerance trials in Lexington (stand persistence shown as a percent of the stand rating of KY 31-).**

Variety	Proprietor/KY Distributor	1999 <sup>1,2</sup>	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Mean <sup>3</sup> (#trials)
		3-yr <sup>4</sup>	4-yr	3-yr										
BarOptima PLUS E34	Barenbrug								107			101	100	103(3)
Bronson	Ampac Seed	80												—
Cattle Club	Green Seed	95												—
Cowgirl	Rose Agri-Seed								105					—
Festorina	Advanta Seed	102												—
Jesup MaxQ	Pennington Seed			98			78			104	97	100	100	96(6)
Johnstone	ProSeeds		88											—
KY31+ <sup>5</sup>	KY Agri. Exp.Sta.		105				102	109	120	107	101	101	100	106(8)
KY31- <sup>5</sup>	KY Agri. Exp.Sta.	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100(12)
Nanryo	Japanese Grassland For. Seed								72					—
Seine	Seed Research of OR					135								—
Select	FFR/Southern States	82		109	94	99	73	104	76	108	98	100	100	95(11)
Stargrazer	FFR/Southern States	70												—
Stockman	Seed Research of OR					125								—

<sup>1</sup> Year trial was established.<sup>2</sup> Use this summary table as a guide in making variety decisions, but refer to specific yearly reports to determine statistical differences in stand persistence between varieties. To find actual persistence ratings, look in the yearly report for the final year of each specific trial. For example, the Lexington trial planted in 2001 was grazed 4 years so the final report would be "2005 Cool-Season Grass Horse Grazing Tolerance Report" archived in the KY Forage website at <www.uky.edu/Ag/forage>.<sup>3</sup> Mean only presented when respective variety was included in two or more trials.<sup>4</sup> Number of years of data.<sup>5</sup> KY 31- is the variety KY31 from which the toxic endophyte has been removed. KY31+ contains the toxic endophyte. Jesup MaxQ contains a non-toxic endophyte. BarOptima PLUS E34 contains a beneficial endophyte. The other fescue varieties in this table do not contain an endophyte.**Table 20. Summary of 1999-2014 Kentucky orchardgrass horse grazing tolerance trials in Lexington (stand persistence shown as a percentage of the mean of the commercial varieties in the trial).**

Variety	Proprietor/KY Distributor	1999 <sup>1,2</sup>	2000	2001	2002	2003 <sup>3</sup>	2006	2009	2010	2011	Mean <sup>4</sup> (#trials)
		3-yr <sup>5</sup>	4-yr	4-yr	4-yr	4-yr	4-yr	4-yr	4-yr	3-yr	
Albert	Univ. of Wisconsin			95							—
Ambrosia	Amer.Grass Seed Prod.						61				—
Benchmark	FFR/Southern States	104			85						95(2)
Benchmark Plus	FFR/Southern States				111	157	139	111	114	105	116(5)
Crown Royale	Grassland Oregon			95							—
Crown Royale Plus	Grassland Oregon				97						—
Haymate	FFR/Southern States	96	85		97						93(3)
Persist	Smith Seed					114		103	101	95	100(3)
Potomac	Public				117						—
Prairie	Turner Seed			100							—
Profit	Ampac Seed							93	86		90(2)
Tekapo	Ampac Seed	101	115		93	30		92	100	100	100(6)

<sup>1</sup> Year trial was established.<sup>2</sup> Use this summary table as a guide in making variety decisions, but refer to specific yearly reports to determine statistical differences in stand persistence between varieties. To find actual persistence ratings, look in the yearly report for the final year of each specific trial. For example, the Lexington trial planted in 2005 was grazed 4 years so the final report would be "2009 Cool-Season Grass Horse Grazing Tolerance Report" archived in the KY Forage website at <www.uky.edu/Ag/forage>.<sup>3</sup> Due to high variation during 2005 these values are not included in the overall mean.<sup>4</sup> Mean only presented when respective variety was included in two or more trials.<sup>5</sup> Number of years of data.

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