

# IVORY

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### Description:

Ivory teff was developed by Pure-Seed Testing. The same family as brown teff, Ivory is a late spring, early summer crop with very rapid growth and fine forage leaf texture. It makes a high protein hay and likes compact soil for planting. Ivory grain is very fine and a white color, it is used to make flour and is slightly sweeter tasting than brown teff.

### Establishment and Management:

Teff grass should be planted in mid-May through June. It is very sensitive to cool soils and frost, so later plantings will help improve seedling emergence when soil temperatures are above 55 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit. It has an extremely small seed, so seeding depth is critical. The seed should be planted no more than 1/8 inch deep. If conventional planting is chosen, the ground should be cultipacked prior to planting to provide a firm seed-bed. If no-till planting is used, be sure to check seeding depth several times during the seeding process. Drill calibration will be critical to ensure a proper seeding rate, including a seed carrier such as sand is a planting method used to slow down the rate at which the seed is carried in a planter and also allows proper seed distribution if mixed well. Adjustments to the flow in the planter will be necessary to accommodate the carrier with the recommended 6-8 pounds per acre seeding rate.

### Growth Habitat:

Teff grass seedlings are relatively slow to establish, once the plants reach 4-5 inches tall, rate of growth increases rapidly.

### Uses

The fine stems and leaves make it a very palatable hay crop that should be harvested when the plants reach a height of 15 inches. It is important to leave 4-5 inches of stubble height to improve teff grass regrowth. This can cause optimal harvest timing before seedhead production to come on quickly. Once a seedhead is produced teff grass will not regrow, but cutting every 30 days or so will allow 2 to 3 harvests a year.

### Plant Characteristics:

- **Fast Growing**
- **High Yield Potential**
- **Fine Leaf Texture**
- **Excellent Palatability**
- **High Protein Content**
- **Wide Adaptation**

### Usage:



Cutting



Grazing

Seeding rate: 8-10 lbs per acre

Seeding depth: 1/8 (firm seed bed needed)