Here’s what others are saying about Persist Orchardgrass:

“The most significant and important attribute of Persist is persistence. After four years of the grazing experiment, in which there was additional grazing and drought stress during the last 2 years, there was a 70 to 80% stand of Persist compared to a 0 to 10% stand of (another well-known orchardgrass)” - Dr. Bob Conger & Dr. John Waller, Univ. of TN

“Planted it in the Fall of 07- worst drought here in 30 yrs. During the summer of 08, Persist suffered from lack of water, but held the stand well and now is producing awesome hay for me. I cut this past Memorial Day and made 55 5x4 rolls on 5 acres. Persist is the only orchardgrass for me. I won’t ever sow anything else.” - TV, Rockwood TN

“Planted about 40 acres, and have been very pleased thus far. I just baled about 1,500 square bales” - Vance, TN

“We put Persist on our horse farm. We planted in the fall and it came up beautifully…Even with our high demand, our feed costs are down per horse. I look forward to being a customer for many years to come!” – DG, High Point, NC

“I mixed it with fescue…horses love it…getting ready to turn some sheep loose on it.” - DG, Greensboro, NC

“Persist is exactly what it claims to be. Used Benchmark and rarely got more’n 4yrs from it. Planted Persist approx 4yrs ago…the first planted here is still doing fine…A fine grass for the midsouth – RR, Amelia, VA

“Planted 55 acres 2 years ago and is doing well…all in all, I have some dandy pasture.” - RC, Morriston, IN

“It survived drought of ’07 very well so it should be able to handle anything” – Brian, TN

“It looks really good after one of the most severe droughts in N. Carolina history.” - PW, Agricultural Agent, NC State University.

Seeding Rates and Planting Guide for Persist Orchardgrass

Establishment/Vigor
Persist is ideal for hay or grazing by all livestock types. Persist is easily established and has excellent seedling vigor. Use of clover or other legumes can also increase persistence and yield.

Seeding Recommendations
Persist should be seeded at 15-20 lbs. per acre for straight seedings. If using with other grasses or legumes, seed at 8-10 lbs. per acre. If broadcasting use the higher seeding rate. It is best to seed in two perpendicular directions.

Planting Dates
Spring planting is recommended after February 1st and before May 1st in most regions. Areas farther north may want to adjust to later dates. For fall planting, seed after August 1st and before the end of October. Contact your local extension agent or seed supplier to get more specific recommendations for your area.

Fertilizer Recommendations
Fertilization without a soil test is essentially a guessing game. A soil test using recommended standard soil sampling methods is strongly recommended. Fertilize at establishment, and then apply subsequent applications in the spring and following each cutting or grazing will promote re-growth, longevity, and optimal yields. Maintain soil pH between 6.0-7.0 when possible.

Harvesting Recommendations
It is recommended when haying to take the first cutting when the plant is in the late boot stage as the plant is heading out. Then, harvest every 4-5 weeks. If grazing, rotationally graze at three week intervals. For pastures, leave 3-4 inches for good re-growth. Rotational grazing ensures a quality stand.

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Persist might be the most amazing orchardgrass ever! Besides proving that it can withstand YEARS of grazing, overcome heat and drought stresses, take cold winters and hot summers, it also continues to prove itself as one of the top forage yielders, producing higher yields than most all other varieties. What does that mean to you?

Persist Means Increased Income! Higher yields and better stands equate to more money from more tonnage, quicker weight gains, and increased milk production - simply more forage per acre for your animals.

Persist Means Reduced Costs! Increased longevity, the ability to withstand grazing pressure and overcome weather-caused stresses mean you don’t have to replace your fields as often when you plant Persist, saving you money! Lots of money! Also, denser stands compete better against weed pressure, reducing the need for costly herbicide applications.

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