# **SEED PRODUCTION**

ALFALFA | CLOVER | FESCUE | RYEGRASS | TIMOTHY | NATIVE GRASS

# **Producing Seed for BrettYoung**

## **Benefits of Seed Production**

Forage and turf seed production is an excellent way to get a head start on next year's seeding, diversify your risk and add some profitable cropping options to your rotation. Forage and turf seed markets have been stable with consistent demand and good prices.

In addition to being some of the more consistently profitable cropping options available to Western Canadian growers, turf and forage seed production also provides agronomic benefits for your farm.

# **Agronomic Benefits**

**Turf Seed Production** 

- · Early harvest splits up fall workload
- Increases organic matter, helps improve less productive or marginal soils
- Some species have tolerance to salinity, alkalinity and acidity
- · Some perennials have multiple crop years reducing planting season workload

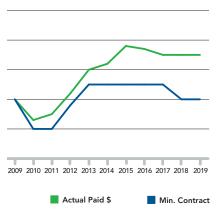
Legume Seed Production

- · Improves soil tilth
- · Low-input user
- · Nitrogen fixation
- · Break-crop effect of legumes will benefit following annual crops
- · Multiple crop years reduce planting season workload

## **Economic Benefits**

Compared to other commodity crops, forage and turf seed production has an excellent profitability track record. It has consistently pencilled out as a lucrative option for Western Canadian growers. Furthermore, prices for turf seed crops such as perennial ryegrass, annual ryegrass, creeping red fescue and tall fescue have remained strong. Many of BrettYoung's seed production contracts allow growers to lock in these high price levels and do not limit upside, which can really help add to a farm's bottom line.

Perennial Ryegrass Minimum Contract Price and Actual Grower Payments



### **Grow Seed and Save**

Seed Grower Partnership Program

Contract forage and turf seed production with BrettYoung and save with significant cash rebates on purchases of BrettYoung canola and Elite soybeans.

Spring plant a minimum of 150 acres and purchase qualifying crop inputs to earn your cash rebates.



# **Seed Production** Specialist Services

BrettYoung's dedicated team of Seed Production Specialists, with expertise in forage and turf seed production, spans Western Canada. From scouting and selection of production fields, fertility programs, pesticide and growth regulator recommendations, to swathing, harvest timing and cover crop management, Seed Production Specialists are there every step of the way to help growers maximize returns. Forage and turf grass species have shown strong seed yield increases in Western Canada, and efforts continue to improve agronomics, seed yield and quality.

## **Planning**

- · Scouting and selection of production fields
- · Selection of proper production species
- · Recommendation on expected production practices
- · Communication of contract terms

# Seeding & Crop Development

- · Delivery of seed stock
- · Multiple field scouting visits
- Fertility recommendations
- · Herbicide, fungicide and growth

# **Crop Delivery**

- Communication of delivery schedule
- · Communication of crop quality analysis
- · Communication of grower payments

## Harvest

- · Available for recommendations on harvest timing
- · Available for recommendations on equipment settings
- · Crop samples taken

Contact a BrettYoung Seed Production Specialist in your area to learn more about contract production opportunities.

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