



COLD TOLERANT



DROUGHT TOLERANT



ADAPTED TO CUTTING



ADAPTED TO GRAZING

QUICK FACTS

LATE HEADING

SPARTA is one of the latest maturing varieties available on the market, with a heading date that is usually about a week later than Pennlate. The excellent disease resistance and good winterhardiness of **SPARTA** combine to give long stand life and good stand density. The winterhardiness is good compared to other late maturing varieties. In Europe, **SPARTA** is used in cold countries such as Austria and Russia with good success. **SPARTA** has excellent resistance to rust, a disease that can drastically lower the palatability of forage.

ADAPTATIONS

GRAZING	GOOD
HAY	EXCELLENT
SILAGE	EXCELLENT
GREEN CHOP	GOOD
OVERSEEDING	NOT RECOMMENDED
FROST SEEDING	NOT RECOMMENDED

SEEDING RATE

10 lbs/acre

TRIAL DATA

	Winter Injury	2002-2005 Total Yield
SPARTA	1.3	10.86
TEKAPO	2.7	9.25

Winter injury





- 1 = no injury
- 5 = complete winter kill

Michigan State University Forage Trial

USE

Late maturity orchardgrass is in high demand for using in mixtures with alfalfa. The maturity of Sparta is similar to the flowering date of alfalfa, which will result in much higher forage quality compared to earlier maturing varieties.

SELLING POINTS

-  LATE MATURITY
-  EXCELLENT DISEASE RESISTANCE
-  HIGH YIELD POTENTIAL
-  GOOD WINTERHARDINESS