

Vaquero

Forage Bermudagrass



Vaquero® is a customized forage bermudagrass designed for higher dry weight yields, early spring green up and superior forage quality, plus cold tolerance. The components exhibit a range in growth habit from fully erect hay types to prostrate grazing types. This genetic variance facilitates establishment, enhances persistence, and naturally reduces the opportunity for warm season weed invasion.

Vaquero includes top performing bermudagrass variety, CD 90160 which has topped university trials in Oklahoma, Georgia, Kansas, Virginia, and Kentucky. CD 90160 has shown to be one of the most widely adapted forage bermudagrass varieties exhibiting great cold tolerance from the northern tier of the bermudagrass production range to high forage yields in Georgia. CD 90160 is a cold tolerant, leafy and highly nutritious seeded bermudagrass. CD 90160 has shown to have higher protein and digestible nutrients than other cultivars. Also included in Vaquero is Giant bermudagrass, a very popular strain in the southern United States. Giant provides high forage potential and excellent summer growth.



Yield

Bermudagrass normally can be pastured or harvested from spring through fall. Over this period, a planting generally can carry 1 to 2 horses, 2 to 5 head of 400 to 600 pound beef cattle, or 2 to 3 cows and calves per acre. Growing cattle will gain about ½ to 1 pound per day, if no additional feed is provided. Hay yields run from 5 to 10 tons per acre a season, harvested in about 6 cuttings. When properly fertilized, irrigated and harvested, bermudagrass hay has a feeding value about equal to alfalfa hay in terms of total digestible nutrients (TDN) but has lower digestible protein.

Dry Matter Yield

Texas A&M

Variety	*lbs/ac
Vaquero®	6582
Tierra Verde	6086
Rancho Frio	5957
Coastal	5824
Cheyenne	5351
KF Cd194	5127

**Average of 4 years*