

APPENDIX A Characteristics of forages

Species	Regrowth Potential	Legume Compatibility	Winter Hardiness^a	Ease of Establishment	Drought Tolerance	Flooding Tolerance	Persistence
Cool-season grasses							
Kentucky bluegrass	Good	Poor	Excellent	Good	Fair	Fair	Good
Orchardgrass	Excellent	Poor	Good	Good	Fair	Fair	Good
Perennial Ryegrass	Good	Fair	Poor	Excellent	Fair	Fair	Fair
Reed Quackgrass	Excellent	Good	Excellent	N/A*	Good	Fair	Excellent
Reed canarygrass	Good	Poor	Excellent	Poor	Good	Excellent	Excellent
Smooth Brome grass	Fair	Good	Excellent	Good	Fair	Fair	Good
Tall Fescue	Excellent	Good	Fair	Excellent	Fair	Fair	Fair
Timothy	Fair	Good	Excellent	Good	Poor	Poor	Poor
Warm-season grasses							
Bluestem	Good	Poor	Good	Poor	Excellent	Poor	Good
Sorghum/sudan	Good	Poor	N/A	Excellent	Excellent	Fair	N/A
Switchgrass	Good	Poor	Good	Poor	Excellent	Poor	Good
Alternative forages							
Winter N/A	Rye	N/A	Good	Good	Good	Good	Poor
Oats	N/A	Good	Poor	Good	Good	Poor	N/A
Corn	N/A	Fair	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brassicas	Good	Good	N/A	Good	Fair	Poor	N/A
Legumes	Regrowth Potential	Bloat Problem	Winter Hardiness^a	Ease of Establishment	Drought Tolerance	Flooding Tolerance	Persistence
Alfalfa	Good	yes	Excellent	Good	Good	Poor	Good
Alsike Clover	Poor	yes	Good	Excellent	Poor	Good	Poor
Trefoil	Fair	No	Excellent	Poor	Poor	Fair	Excellent
Ladino Clover	Poor	Yes	Good	Excellent	Poor	Good	Poor
Red Clover	Fair	Yes	Good	Excellent	Poor	Fair	Fair
Sweet Clover	Fair	Yes	Good	Fair	Good	Fair	Poor

Source: "Wisconsin Pastures for Profit", A3529, Dan Undersander

N/A = not applicable

(a) Winter hardiness assumes use of adapted varieties

*No seed available