**Annual Ryegrass**

**Plant Characteristics**: Upright bunchgrass that grows 12-24 inches tall and has leaves.

**Emergence time**: 14 days

**Min. germination soil temp**: 40oF

**Annual or Perennial:** Annual

**Salinity Tolerant:** pH 6.0 – 7.0

**Tolerances:** Flooding/Ponding tolerant

**Cool or Warm season:** Cool (mid-April to early October planting)

The following goals for this species are ranked 0-4, 0=Poor, 1=Fair, 2=Good, 3=Very Good, 4=Excellent.

**Nitrogen Source**: 0

**Nitrogen Scavenger**: 4

**Soil Builder**: 4

**Erosion Fighter**: 4

**Lasting Residue**: 2

**Weed Fighter**: 2

**Grazing**: 4

**Forage Harvest Value**: 2

**Recommended Seeding Dates**: September through October after harvest

**Planting Depth**: ¼ - ½ inches

**Min. Seeding Rate (incorporated)**: 12 lbs/ac PLS

**Min. Seeding Rate (non-incorporated)**: 20 lbs/ac PLS

**Termination Options**: Till and then apply herbicide

**Other notes**: Rapid growth, interseed for cash crop ability, and good for short planting periods.

**Resources**:

*Midwest Cover Crops Field Guide*-Midwest Cover Crop Council

*Managing Cover Crops Profitably*-Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education

Green Cover Seed-Soil Health



