

# Ferti Verde Pasture Bermuda Grass Seed

**Ferti Verde** is a blend of pasture Bermuda grass seed for planting irrigated summer pastures in central Arizona. Bermuda grass pastures can normally be pastured from mid-April through November. Over this seven-month period, a planting generally can carry 1-2 horses, 2-5 head of 400-600 pound beef cattle, or 2-3 cows and calves per acre. Growing cattle will gain about ½ to 1 pound per day, if no additional feed is provided.

## Establishing a Stand

Planting Rate: 20-25 lbs. per acre

Planting Time: April through August

Best results are obtained when the seed is planted on ground that has been pre-irrigated, and then lightly disked. This will help pre-germinate and kill the germinated weed seeds. Broadcast the seed at the suggested planting rate. Planting depth is extremely important. For best results seed should be planted as near ¼ inch deep as possible. **Do not plant too deep.** It is a good practice to apply a light irrigation 3-5 days following the initial irrigation. This keeps the soil from crusting and the seed moist. It will be about 90 days from date of planting until the first harvest. Do not mow or graze closer than two inches (2") during the first 2-3 harvests.

## Fertilization

**Ferti Verde** is a heavy and efficient user of nitrogen. Up to 400 pounds of actual nitrogen per acre can be used to advantage on irrigated pastures. This should be applied in three to four uniform applications per growing season. The first application should be made in early March and the last application should be made in September. It is also suggested that 100 pounds per acre of ammonium phosphate (16-20-0) be applied to the pasture at the time of seeding.

**Ferti Verde** is also an excellent choice for renovating old Bermuda grass pastures.

