



# **Desert Verde**

## **Pasture Bermudagrass Seed**

**Desert Verde** is a blend of pasture bermudagrass seed for planting irrigated summer pastures in Central Arizona. Bermudagrass pastures can normally be pastured from mid-April through November. Over this seven-month period, a planting generally can carry one - two horses, two to five head of 400 -600 pound beef cattle, or 2-3 cows and calves per acre. Growing Cattle will gain about 1/2 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, then lightly disked. This will help pregerminate 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 1/4 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 2 inches during the first 2 - 3 harvests.

### **Fertilization:**

**Desert 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 3 to 4 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.

**Desert Verde** is also an excellent choice for renovating old bermudagrass pastures.

### **Please Note:**

Our pasture seed is not coated, coating reduces the actual seed per pound by 50 % and for planting pastures would cause the grower to have to increase their seeding rate accordingly. Coated pasture seed is not a bargain.

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