

# Recommended Grass and Legume Horse Pasture Species

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## Sod-Forming Perennial Grasses



**Kentucky Bluegrass**  
*Poa pratensis*



**Low-Alkaloid Reed Canarygrass**  
*Phalaris arundinacea*



**Smooth Bromegrass**  
*Bromus inermis*

## Annual Grass (Cover Crop)



**Oat**  
*Avena sativa*

## Bunch-Type Perennial Grasses



**Orchardgrass**  
*Dactylis glomerata*



**Timothy**  
*Phleum pratense*



**Crested Wheatgrass**  
*Agropyron desertorum*



**Ryegrass**  
*Lolium species*

## Bunch-Type Perennial Grasses



**Meadow Fescue**  
*Festuca pratensis*



**Endophyte Free Tall Fescue**  
*Festuca arundinacea*

## Legumes



**Alfalfa**  
*Medicago sativa*



**Birdsfoot Trefoil**  
*Lotus corniculatus*

## Legumes



**Red Clover**  
*Trifolium pratense*



**White Clover**  
*Trifolium repens*



**Alsike Clover**  
*Trifolium hybridum*



**Sweetclover**  
*Melilotus species*

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