

Bermudagrass Moving North With Lots to Offer

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Opportunities in Forages

**Bermudagrass experiences &
where we are today**

- Heavy use areas (HUA)**
- Hay & pasture production**

Bermudagrass

- Warm-season, sod-forming perennial grass**
- Persists under close grazing -- 1-2 inches**
- Has ability to regenerate (heal) damaged areas (rhizomes & stolons)**
- Much more competitive against weeds during hot, dry periods than orchardgrass, tall fescue, etc.**
- Superior species for using N & P**

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- Current suggested varieties:
 - HUA = **Quickstand**, Patriot (?), Tufcote (?)
 - Hay/pasture = **Ozark**, Tifton 44, Quickstand (?)

Establishment Procedures

With

Sprigs



















The End ---- Questions?



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