



Rugged Highlights

- ◆ **Very Winter hardy WSI = 1.2**
- ◆ **Very Persistent (Longer rotations possible)**
 - ◆ Higher stand counts (3 & 4th year)
 - ◆ Higher Relative yield as age of field increases
 - ◆ Tolerant livestock pasturing (summer or winter)
- ◆ **Excellent Yield**
 - ◆ Harvest or Traffic Tolerant
 - ◆ Deep Crowns, Large Root
 - ◆ Excellent crown rot resistance
 - ◆ Tolerant to variable cutting schedules
 - ◆ Exceptional root reserves with higher total non-structural carbohydrates
 - ◆ Strong root system with large root reserves to tolerant adverse conditions such as early frost or short cutting schedules (more forgiving)
- ◆ **Excellent Quality**
 - ◆ More leaves lower in canopy
 - ◆ Dark green color
 - ◆ Higher quality in wheel tracks (University of California data)
- ◆ **Excellent Pest Resistance**
 - ◆ Early seedling resistance
 - ◆ High resistance to all major diseases
 - ◆ Disease Severity Index 30/30
- ◆ **Excellent Nitrogen source for rotations**
 - ◆ (100—200 lbs/acre)