

# Emergency Forage Program

## GRASSHANCER®



### THE PROBLEM:

Winter often produces harsh conditions: extreme cold blasts, icing, increased rainfall with possible flooding. All these factors may cause significant damage to existing forage production fields. This may result in completely wiped out stands or fields with considerably thinned stands or partial field loss. With feed in short supply, rescuing damaged fields will be crucial in maintaining forage production.



### THE SOLUTION:

When there is still a partial stand to recover, it will pay off to “Grasshance”® the stand - benefitting the remaining existing stand plus creating new growth. DLF has several seed products positioned to rescue and extend the life of damaged forage stands.

#### Grasshancer® 200FL

A short term grass mixture, based on DLF Festulolium varieties with a 2 year persistence, plus tetraploid Italian ryegrass. Its maturity makes it ideal for grasshancing alfalfa when having a late first cut as in a 3-cut system. The grass will be at its highest quality when alfalfa cutting gets underway. Grasshancer 200 is perfect when only one or two year extended production is desired from an alfalfa field or pasture, or when a short rotation overseeding program is implemented. Its rapid establishment and high production will boost the dry matter yield of thinned out fields. Grasshancer 200 can also be used as new seeding for high producing, high forage quality, short rotation pasture or hay field.

#### Seeding Rates:

Open Ground/ New Seeding	New Seeding w/ Alfalfa	Mixed Pasture	K-31 Tall Fescue Pasture	Overseeding Old Alfalfa
25-35	5 w/ nurse crop	25-35	25-35	25-35

#### Grasshancer® 300FL

A medium term grass mixture, based on DLF Festulolium varieties with a 3 to 4 year persistency. Ideal for maintaining pastures and hay fields with high dry matter production and high feed quality. Its rapid establishment and high production will boost the dry matter yield of thinned out fields. Slightly earlier maturing than Grasshancer 200 makes it very suitable for grasshancing alfalfa in a 4-cut system. The grass will be at its highest quality when alfalfa cutting gets underway. Grasshancer 300FL can also be used as new seeding for high producing, high forage quality medium rotation pasture or hay field, or as long term pasture with an overseeding program.

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### Steps for Success:

- Plant as soon as the field is ready and holds equipment. Seed no deeper than 1/2".
- Apply lower levels of fertility (or none at all) before establishment so existing growth doesn't overwhelm new seedlings. After first cutting, increase applications relative to overall forage population (30-50# N).

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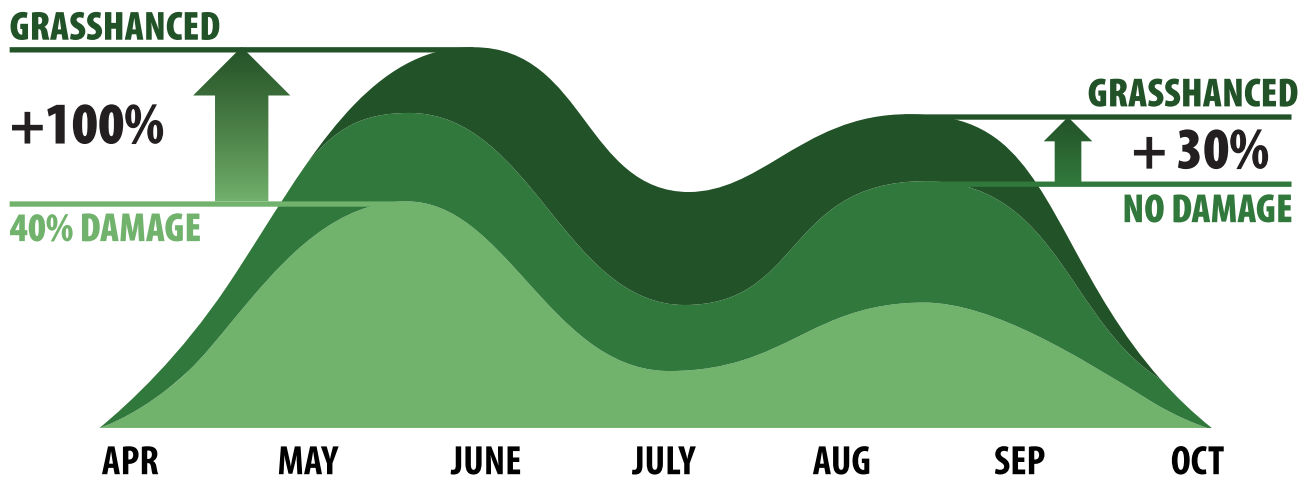
Grasshance® can boost production as much as double compared to a field with 40% stand loss from winter damage. But even without damage, Grasshance can boost DM by 30%, more than enough to justify the expense.

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**NO DAMAGE**

**40% DAMAGE**

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