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## Comparable Characteristics of Winter Pasture Crops Dr. David Bade, Professor and Extension Forage Specialist

Characteristic:	Winter Pasture Type						
	Oats	Wheat	Rye	Ryegrass	Trit	Overseeded	Clover
Production*							
Fall	E	F	G+	G+	G	F	P
Winter	F	G	G	G	G	G	P
Spring	G	G	F	E	G+	E	G
Late Spring	P	P	P	G	F	G	G-E**
Winter Hardiness	P	F	E	G	G	G	F-G**
Disease Tolerance	F	F	G	E	F	E	E
Grazing Quality	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Hay Quality	G	G	G	E	G	E	F-E**
Planting Date	← ← ← ← ← September 1 - October 15 → → → → →					Sept. 15 - Oct. 15	Oct. 15 - Nov. 15
Planting Rate	← ← ← ← 75 - 100 lbs. → → → →			15-25 lbs.	75-100 lbs.	15-25 lbs.	3-15 lbs.
*Production Times	Fall (October - December); Winter (January - February); Spring (March - April); Late Spring (May - June)						
**Depends on variety of legume							
E = Excellent      G = Good      F = Fair      P = Poor							