

Western Rye is preferably a hay grass and yields a large crop especially in rich, deep soil. On dry and sandy land the yield is naturally smaller but can be much increased by careful irrigation. Under favourable conditions its average yield of hay almost equals that of Awnless Brome grass.

As a pasture grass it is, however, decidedly inferior to the Brome grass, principally because the second growth is small and develops rather slowly.

SUPERIORITY OF WESTERN RYE GRASS.

A superficial comparison between Brome grass and Western Rye may seem to indicate that the former grass is somewhat superior because its yield generally is larger and because it is better suited for pasture.

The general superiority of Brome grass is, however, greatly offset by its couch-like mode of growth. The difficulty to eradicate it often gives it the character of a weed that should be guarded against. This is especially the case in rich soil. In such soil the Western Rye is decidedly preferable, especially when a crop of hay is looked for. It is also to be preferred on irrigated soil.