Timothy
*Phleum pratense*

**Description**
Perennial bunchgrass. Grows 2 to 5 feet in seed head stage. Has a swollen, bulblike structure at base of stem. Leaves have a bluish green color compared to tall fescue.

**Uses**
Primarily a hay plant, but may be used for pasture when a part of a mixture.

**Advantages**
Large, first-cutting yields, high demand for hay either pure or in mixtures, grows well with alfalfa and/or red clover. Good nutritive quality when first cutting made in boot to early head.

**Disadvantages**
Short stand life, low quality when cut late, little regrowth after first cutting. Clumpy growth habit and sensitivity to hot temperatures limit its use in pasture.

**Seeding**
Rate: 3-6 lb/a  
Depth: ¼-½ in  
Primary Date: Aug 15-Oct 1  
Secondary Date: Feb 1-Apr 15

**Harvest**
First harvest: May 15-June 1  
Annual yield: 2-4 tons dry matter/a