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### **Fall Crop Report**

Cool wet weather has ascended to the Pacific Northwest creating ideal growing conditions for the grass seed crop. A few established fields are too lush and may need clipping to reduce excess foliage. We are getting reports of a good size population of slugs with farmers working to minimize their damage.

The ample moisture is providing a good snow pack in the mountains. Ski resorts are looking to open within the next couple of weeks. The long range forecast is mixed with one segment predicting warm and dry conditions in the PNW with the other camp predicting cool and wet. I guess time will tell.

### **Market Update**

The Western Seedsmen Conference in Kansas City is this weekend which will give a good indication to the spring pricing.

Perennial Ryegrass: Proprietary prices are stable. Linn, Buccaneer, and VNS continues to soften as more seed becomes available.

Tall Fescue: Prices are stable.

Kentucky Bluegrass: Prices remain stable.

Hard Fescue: Prices continue to increase. Supply very tight with much of the good quality seed already sold.

Chewings Fescue: Market prices increased slightly the past few weeks.

Creeping Red Fescue: No market changes.

Annual Ryegrass: Prices have been stable.

Orchardgrass: No market changes.

### **Product Highlight**

Jamestown IV Chewings Fescue carries the lineage of Jamestown into the future with improved disease resistance, darker color, and superior overall turf quality. Years of careful polycross tracking and ancestry verifications confirms that Jamestown IV is the ideal variety for golf courses, parks, commercial and residential properties. For more information go to [www.columbiaseeds.com](http://www.columbiaseeds.com).

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