

Pearl's Premium "No Mow" Grass Lives Up To Claims

By Jim Ruen, Contributing Editor

Pearl's Premium "no mow" type grass does what it promises. It grows slowly, then tops out and falls over without matting up. Five years ago, I seeded several plots. It was planted in very poor soil conditions; yet it emerged and still thrives in 2015.

One of the claims for the grass is that it seldom needs to be mowed or watered again, after it is established." Here again, we put it to its harshest test. The grass was left uncut until the end of July. At that time two plots were clipped and the remainder left to grow. Grass blades had grown as much as 15 in. in length, but flopped over to be only 4 inches high.

A full month later, the clipped grass had recovered. However, it had grown out only a couple of inches, even though there had been plenty of rain. It's as slow growing, deep root and drought tolerant as promised.

The sections left uncut have remained essentially unchanged since late July. The grass is no longer than it was then, and it still hasn't collapsed or matted.

Cut Pearl's Premium once or twice a season, or leave it alone throughout the season. Either way, it appears ideal for areas where a grass cover is desired, but a manicured look is not needed. Left to grow, it creates an attractive appearance, not wild and scraggly, simply eye-appealing mounds of long, green grass.

Pearl's Premium won the MassChallenge Award for innovations that can make positive societal change, and a Boston Museum of Science award for one of the three best inventions to come out of New



This stand of "no mow" type grass, planted in poor ground alongside Ruen's driveway, had not yet been cut at the end of July when this photo was taken. It forms a good-looking meadow, only 3 to 4 in. high. Most of the grass was 14 to 15 in. tall but it falls over so, from a distance, it has an attractive meadow appearance.



Photos show other examples of low-maintenance Pearl's Premium lawns in the middle of summer. You water to get the lawn established and, due to the 12-in. roots, it seldom or never needs to be watered again in the North. In the South it will need supplemental water. If you cut it only once a month, it stands up as an ultra low-maintenance, 3 to 4-in. high lawn.

England, although it grows in all 50 states, having 300+ rave reviews by the experts and the media. If you cut it only once every 4 to 6 weeks, it stands up as a low-maintenance manicured 3 to 4-in. high lawn.

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Reader Inquiry No. 02

Skid Steer Stump Remover

Linus Huerter's stump bucket turns a skid loader into a powerful stump removal machine. The owner of HSB Welding and Fabrication in Seneca, Kan., started fabricating it in 2014 along with a backhoe attachment.

"The stump bucket is built heavy and the bucket teeth help get it into the ground," Huerter says. By cutting into the stump from all sides, it's effective on even big stumps, and the serrated sides tear out roots. It also works great to take down smaller live trees. The bucket fits on all model skid loaders with quick-attach fittings. It gets the job done on all sizes, Huerter says. It just takes longer with smaller skid loaders than larger ones.

Besides removing stumps, the \$950 stump bucket is long enough to do shallow trenching to about 2 ft. deep.

For deeper trenches Huerter sells his simply designed quick-attach backhoe for \$1,250. The 12-in. bucket digs down to 6 ft. It comes with a cylinder to hook up to the skid loader's auxiliary hydraulics.

Huerter uses 1/2-in steel so the attachments will last for years. Most customers live in the area and use them to expand cropland and clean up tree lines, he says.

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Reader Inquiry No. 03



Skid loader-mounted stump bucket is fitted with teeth and serrated sides that tear out roots.



Quick-attach backhoe attachment uses a 12-in. bucket that digs down to 6 ft.