

**Table 1.8-4. Relative maturity of several perennial forage species and varieties.**

The beginning of a bar indicates relative time of maturity for earliest growing zones in the state. Bar length indicates the range in time of maturity over different growing zones in the state. When making up mixtures, choose species and varieties that mature at approximately the same time.

<i>Species and varieties</i>	<i>Relative maturity</i>			
	<i>Early</i>			<i>Late</i>
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
Early maturing varieties	██████████			
Late maturing varieties		██████████		
<b>Red clover</b>				
All varieties		██████████		
<b>Birdsfoot trefoil</b>				
Early maturing varieties			██████████	
Intermediate-maturing varieties			██████████	
Late maturing varieties			██████████	
<b>Crownvetch</b>				
All varieties			██████████	
<b>Bromegrass</b>				
Saratoga Baylor		██████████		
<b>Orchardgrass</b>				
Early maturing varieties	██████████			
Late maturing varieties		██████████		
<b>Reed canarygrass</b>				
All varieties			██████████	
<b>Tall fescue</b>				
All varieties		██████████		
<b>Timothy</b>				
Early maturing varieties	██████████			
Late maturing varieties			██████████	
<b>Perennial ryegrass</b>				
Early maturing varieties		██████████		
Intermediate-maturing varieties		██████████		
Late maturing varieties		██████████		