

HUNTER

Italian ryegrass

Profile

HUNTER has good spring grazing and first and second year yields. The variety combines these characteristics with a high sward density. This is remarkable because HUNTER is a tetraploid variety. Therefore HUNTER is an interesting variety for the forage production.

National listing/Official recommendation:

AR, BY, DE, RU, UK

- ✓ dense yielding variety
- ✓ good spring grazing and first and second year yields
- ✓ high sward density

Suitability

Ploidy	tetraploid
Mature	early

Total Annual Yields

1st harvest year (% of 18.53 t DM/ha)	101
2nd harvest year (% of 14.47 t DM/ha)	98
Total yield: mean (% of 16.53 t DM/ha)	100
Year of sowing (% of 2.08 t DM/ha)	102
1st and 2nd cut ME yield, first harvest year (% of 121 000 MJ/ha)	104

Seasonal Growth (1st harvest year)

Early spring growth (% of 1.69 t DM/ha)	98
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Conservation management

1st conservation cut (% of 6.60 t DM/ha)	105
1st conservation cut D-Value	71.6
2nd conservation cut (% of 4.20 t DM/ha)	103
2nd conservation cut D-Value	65.3
Monthly cuts (% of 6.07 t DM/ha)	97

Agronomic characters

Ground cover% (1st harvest year)	56
Ground cover% (2nd harvest year)	49
Autumn ground cover (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	3.5
Winter hardiness (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	7.2

Disease resistance

Ryegrass mosaic virus (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	5.2
Mildew (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	6.7
Brown Rust (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	6.9
Crown Rust (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	5.6

Source: AHDB Italian Ryegrass Diploid Varieties Recommended List 2021/2022

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