

# ASTONKING

*Lolium perenne*

## Profile

The diploid late heading Perennial ryegrass ASTONKING offers stable yields for grazing and cutting, which is achieved by an enormous spring growth development. In addition, ASTONKING shows a very good rust resistance.

**National listing/Official recommendation:**

IE, NL, UK

- ✓ strong spring growth development
- ✓ high rust resistance
- ✓ good sward density

## General

<b>Ploidy</b>	diploid
<b>Heading date</b>	31/05
<b>Recommended List status</b>	PS - Provisional specific use recommendation
<b>Year First Listed</b>	2019

## Grazing management

<b>Grazing yield (% of 9.03 t/ha)</b>	100
<b>Grazing D-value</b>	75.9
<b>ME Yield (% of 112 000 MJ/ha)</b>	98
<b>Ground Cover% (grazing)</b>	67

## Conservation management

Total yield year 1 (% of 15.83 t/ha)	93
1st and 2nd cut ME yield, first harvest year (% of 116 000 MJ/HA)	94
Total yield year 3 (% of 11.96 t/ha)	95
Total yield: Mean (% of 14.08 t/ha)	94
Ground Cover% (conservation year 3)	60

## Grazing seasonal growth

Early grazing yield (% of 1.37 t/ha)	93
Spring (% of 2.48 t/ha)	97
Early Summer (% of 3.14 t/ha)	102
Late Summer (% of 2.18 t/ha)	101
Autumn (% of 1.33 t/ha)	99

## Conservation seasonal growth - year 1

1st cut (% of 6.76 t/ha)	103
1st cut D-Value	68.8
2nd cut (% of 3.28 t/ha)	85
2nd cut D-value	73.1
3rd cut (% of 2.75 t/ha)	90
4th+ cut (% of 2.95 t/ha)	90

## Agronomic characters

Winter Hardiness (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	7.3
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## Disease resistance

Crown Rust (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	7.5
Drechslera (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	3.6
Mildew (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	7.9

Source: Recommended grass and clover lists for England and Wales 2025 / 2026

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