



# 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

**Ploidy**

diploid

**Heading date**

31/05

**Recommended List status**

PS - Provisional specific use recommendation

**Year First Listed**

2019

## Grazing management

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

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## Disease resistance

Crown Rust (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)

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Drechslera (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)

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Mildew (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)

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

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