

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

Total Annual Yields

1st harvest year (% of 17.56 t DM/ha)	102
2nd harvest year (% of 14.35 t DM/ha)	97
Total yield: mean (% of 15.99 t DM/ha)	99
Year of sowing (% of 2.03 t DM/ha)	99
1st and 2nd cut ME yield, first harvest year (% of 117 000 MJ/ha)	103

Seasonal Growth (1st harvest year)

Early spring growth (% of 1.66 t DM/ha)	97
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Conservation management

1st conservation cut (% of 6.37 t DM/ha)	103
1st conservation cut D-Value	71.0
2nd conservation cut (% of 4.21 t DM/ha)	105
2nd conservation cut D-Value	64.2
Monthly cuts (% of 5.39 t DM/ha)	98

Agronomic characters

Ground cover% (1st harvest year)	55
Ground cover% (2nd harvest year)	48
Autumn ground cover (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	3.5
Winter hardiness (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	7.3

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)	5.7

Source: AHDB Italian Ryegrass Varieties Recommended List 2023/2024

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