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, LU, RU, UK

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

General

Ploidy	tetraploid
Heading date	19/05
Recommended List status	G - General use
Year First Listed	2008

Total annual yields

1st harvest year (% of 16.99 t/ha)	101
2nd harvest year (% of 13.42 t/ha)	96
Total yield: Mean (% of 15.21 t/ha)	98
1st and 2nd cut ME yield, first harvest year (% of 111 000 MJ/ha)	103
Year of Sowing (% of 1.84 t/ha)	100

Conservation seasonal growth - year 1

Early spring growth (% of 1.80 t/ha)	98
1st conservation cut (% of 6.00 t/ha)	104
1st conservation cut D-Value	71.6
2nd conservation cut (% of 4.04 t/ha)	104
2nd conservation cut D-Value	64.8
Monthly cuts (% of 5.27 t/ha)	96

Agronomic characters

Ground Cover% (1st harvest year)	56
Ground Cover% (2nd harvest year)	49
Winter Hardiness (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	7.4

Disease resistance

Ryegrass mosaic virus (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	5.2
Mildew (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	7
Brown Rust (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	7.8
Crown Rust (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	4.9

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

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