

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.

International listings/recommendations: 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	18/05
Recommended List status	G - General use
Year First Listed	2008

Total annual yields

1st harvest year (% of 16.56 t/ha)	100
2nd harvest year (% of 13.02 t/ha)	96
Total yield: Mean (% of 14,86 t/ha)	98
1st and 2nd cut ME yield, first harvest year (% of 108 000 MJ/ha)	103
Year of Sowing (% of 1.91 t/ha)	99

Conservation seasonal growth - year 1

Early spring growth (% of 1.83 t/ha)	97
1st conservation cut (% of 5,94 t/ha)	103
1st conservation cut D-Value	71.8
2nd conservation cut (% of 3,94 t/ha)	103
2nd conservation cut D-Value	64.8
Monthly cuts (% of 4,95 t/ha)	97

Agronomic characters

Ground Cover% (1st harvest year)	57
Ground Cover% (2nd harvest year)	48
Winter Hardiness (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	7.4

Disease resistance

Crown Rust (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	4.1
Drechslera (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	7
Mildew (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	7.3
Brown Rust (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	7.8
Ryegrass mosaic virus (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	5.2

Source: Recommended grass and clover lists for England and Wales 2026 / 2027

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