

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

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

Suitability

| Ploidy | , |
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tetraploid

Total Annual Yields

| 1st harvest year (% of 17.11 t DM/ha) | 101 |
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| 2nd harvest year (% of 14.26 t DM/ha) | 97 |
| Total yield: mean (% of 15.66 t DM/ha) | 99 |
| Year of sowing (% of 1.86 t DM/ha) | 99 |
| 1st and 2nd cut ME yield, first harvest year (% of 112 000 MJ/ha) | 103 |

Seasonal Growth (1st harvest year)

| Early spring growth (% of 1.78 t DM/ha) 9 | 98 |
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Conservation management

| 1st conservation cut (% of 6.18 t DM/ha) | 103 |
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| 1st conservation cut D-Value | 71.5 |
| 2nd conservation cut (% of 4.02 t DM/ha) | 105 |
| 2nd conservation cut D-Value | 63.9 |
| Monthly cuts (% of 5.14 t DM/ha) | 96 |

Agronomic characters

| Ground cover % (1st harvest year) | 57 |
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| Ground cover % (2nd harvest year) | 48 |
| Winter hardiness (1-9, 1=poor 9=good) | 7.5 |

Disease resistance

| Ryegrass mosaic virus (1-9, 1=poor 9=good) | 5.2 |
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| Mildew (1-9, 1=poor 9=good) | 6.6 |
| Brown Rust (1-9, 1=poor 9=good) | 7.0 |
| Crown Rust (1-9, 1=poor 9=good) | 5.6 |

Source: AHDB Italian Ryegrass Varieties Recommended List 2024/2025

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