



# 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

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 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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