



ASTONKING

LOLIUM PERENNE

Profile

The diploid late heading Perennial ryegrass ASTONKING offers stable yields for grazing and cutting, which is achieved by an enormous spring growth development. In addition, ASTONKING shows a very good rust resistance.

National listing/Official recommendation:

IE, NL, UK

- ✓ strong spring growth development
- ✓ high rust resistance
- ✓ good sward density

General

Ploidy	diploid
Heading date	31/05
Recommended List status	PS - Provisional specific use recommendation
Year First Listed	2019

Grazing management

Grazing yield (% of 9.03 t/ha)	100
Grazing D-value	75.9
ME Yield (% of 112 000 MJ/ha)	98
Ground Cover% (grazing)	67

Conservation management

Total yield year 1 (% of 15.83 t/ha)	93
1st and 2nd cut ME yield, first harvest year (% of 116 000 MJ/HA)	94
Total yield year 3 (% of 11.96 t/ha)	95
Total yield: Mean (% of 14.08 t/ha)	94
Ground Cover% (conservation year 3)	60

Grazing seasonal growth

Early grazing yield (% of 1.37 t/ha)	93
Spring (% of 2.48 t/ha)	97
Early Summer (% of 3.14 t/ha)	102
Late Summer (% of 2.18 t/ha)	101
Autumn (% of 1.33 t/ha)	99

Conservation seasonal growth - year 1

1st cut (% of 6.76 t/ha)	103
1st cut D-Value	68.8
2nd cut (% of 3.28 t/ha)	85
2nd cut D-value	73.1
3rd cut (% of 2.75 t/ha)	90
4th+ cut (% of 2.95 t/ha)	90

Agronomic characters

Winter Hardiness (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	7.3
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Disease resistance

Crown Rust (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	7.5
Drechslera (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	3.6
Mildew (1-9, 1=poor 9=good)	7.9

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

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