

Hostyn Festulolium

Key Features

Festulolium grass species are hybrids derived from simple crossings of the festuca family and the Lolium family species. Hostyn is a ryegrass type of Festulolium based on a crossing between Italian ryegrass and meadow fescue. This results in a combination of high yield and good persistence.

Applications

Grazing
Baleage
Silage

Planting Time

Spring
Fall



Establishment and Management Keys

Proper seed bed preparation is essential for stand establishment. A soil sample will identify necessary inputs (Extension Service can advise). No-till seeding is generally very effective with a good no-till drill. Avoid planting too deep as smaller seeded grasses need a shallower seeding depth. Irrigation to supplement seasonal moisture, if available, will insure best establishment and fill-in. Plants should be firmly established before grazing is allowed. Particularly in the first year, overgrazing can seriously reduce stand longevity.

The yield of Hostyn is high with relatively high sugar contents and good digestibility. Hostyn is ideal for silage as a pure crop or in mixtures with other grasses like perennial ryegrass, tall fescue, and other festuloliums. In these blends, Hostyn delivers early spring growth, high forage yield and persistence, combined with very good feeding value.

Characteristics

Dry Hay	3
Persistence	3
Forage Quality	5
Baleage	4
Silage	4

Scale 1-5 (1 = Poor, 5 = Excellent)

Seeding Rates

New Seeding 20-25 lbs/acre
Overseeding 10-15 lbs/acre

Seeding Depth

Seed no deeper than ¼"

