Variety Description

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Species

MELMONDO

Annual ryegrass

westerwoldicum

until late August

40-45 kg/ha

as cereals

1-2 cm

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Botanical name

Ploidy

Seeding rate Distance between rows

Sowing period

Sowing depth

Agronomic figures*:

7 Heading

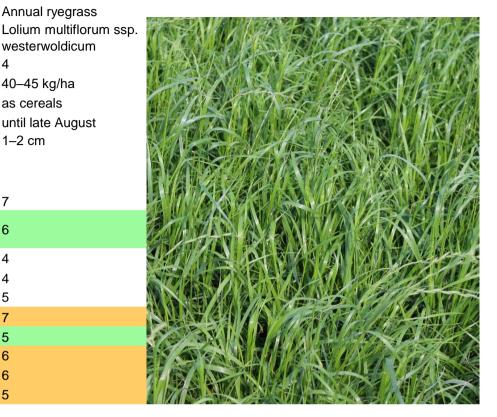
Catch crop: Mass formation after
sowing

Catch crop: Tendency to lodging Catch crop: Susceptibility to rust

Catch crop: Susceptibility to mildew 5 7 Catch crop: DM-yield first cut

Main crop: Mass formation after sowing 5 6 Main crop: DM-yield total 6 Main crop: DM-yield first cut

Main crop: DM-yield in aftermath



Clarification of figures*:

1: very early, very low / 5: medium / 9: very late, very high

* Source: Cultivator classification

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The tetraploid ryegrass MELMONDO is bred specifically for use as a catch crop; it can, however, also be grown as main crop because of its consistent yields. MELMONDO is a very leafy variety that produces high-quality feed and can be used fresh or silaged. It grows very quickly in the early stages, leading to rapid ground cover and weed suppression. In late autumn, the land on which MELMONDO has been grown can still be used for grazing.

Most important characteristics

Best suited as catch crop and main crop

High yields Leafy plant stand

Usage

Annual ryegrass belongs to the family of short-lived ryegrass, because it puts forth shoots in the year of sowing. Annual ryegrass is bred for three purposes: 1. Catch crop cultivation; 2. Annual cultivation for multiple cropping, sometimes also in combination with Italian ryegrass; 3. As 'nurse grass' during new planting of permanent grassland for quick ground cover.