

Variety Description

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DICEROS

Species	Orchard grass (cocksfoot)
Botanical name	Dactylis glomerata
Ploidy	4
Seeding rate	20–25 kg/ha
Distance between rows	as cereals
Sowing period	April to August
Sowing depth	1–2 cm

Agronomic figures*:

Panicle formation	7
Development after sowing	5
Tendency to winterkilling	5
Tendency to lodging	5
Susceptibility to rust	3
Sward density	4
DM-yield total	6
DM-yield first cut	5
DM-yield in aftermath	6



Clarification of figures*:

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

* **Source:** Bundessortenamt [Federal Plant Variety Office] 2018, state variety tests

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With a rating of 7, DICEROS is the most late-flowering amongst the varieties approved in Germany. However, the overall yield of the variety is very high. DICEROS is therefore the only variety in its maturity group that is classified as grade 6 in all yield parameters. Furthermore, DICEROS exhibits a particularly low susceptibility to diseases, especially rust.

Most important characteristics

Even yield distribution
High overall yield
Low susceptibility to rust
Good winter-hardiness

Usage

Orchard grass or cocksfoot is considered ideal for dry places and is resistant to cold. It can tolerate intensive fertilisation level and cropping, as well as grazing. The variety can be used for 4–6 grazings and be mowed 3–4 times.

