

Variety Description

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ESTANZUELA

Species

Annual ryegrass

Botanical name

Lolium multiflorum ssp.
alternativum
≅ *Lolium multiflorum* ssp.
westerwoldicum

Ploidy

2

Seeding rate

40-45 kg/ha

Distance between rows

similar to cereals

Sowing period

until late August

Sowing depth

1-2 cm



At the time of first cut



Day after first cut



Five days after first cut

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ESTANZUELA is an annual ryegrass from a South American breeding program. There are two possible applications of this variety in an agricultural setting. First, ESTANZUELA hits the ground running when cultivated as a summer catch crop. Especially in fodder-poor years, ESTANZUELA's fast growth allows it to be used for silage or fresh forage after just 6-8 weeks of sowing. Secondly, ESTANZUELA is useful as a nurse crop. Adding ESTANZUELA as a nurse grass to a grassland mixture helps ensure quick and reliable stand establishment when overseeding stressed permanent pastures or establishing new pastureland. In such applications, it can reliably suppress the accumulated weed populations. This allows the other valuable components of the mixture, such as perennial ryegrass, meadow grass or Timothy grass, to grow more slowly under the protection of the ESTANZUELA cover. Meanwhile, ESTANZUELA ensures that the first cut will have a generous yield. Following the first cut, the proportion of the nurse crop quickly drops off, and the true grassland community can become established.

Most important characteristics

Good early mass development
High first-cut yield potential
Good stability
Ideal for catch crop cultivation
Relatively high salt tolerance

