



MELISTAR

ANNUAL RYEGRASS

THE STAR OF THE CATCH CROPS!





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Features:

- Annual ryegrass
- Tetraploid

Heading date:

- 21/06

Heading date observed in trials performed in West Central France.

Profile:

- Short term

Persistence:

- 6 to 18 months (potential utilisation during the fall depending on the produced biomass, then utilisation period from March to June).

Soil types:

- All types of soil

Sowing rate:

- 25 to 30 kg/ha (10 to 12 kg/ac) as pure
- 10 to 15 kg/ha (4 to 6 kg/ac) in combination with 12-15 kg/ha (5 to 6 kg/ac) of crimson clover or 15-25 kg/ha (6 to 10 kg/ac) of winter type common vet

ITS ADVANTAGES

MELISTAR is annual ryegrass that gets installed and then produces very quickly. Thus, it allows to replenish some forage stocks in a few weeks or to be valued as pasture.

• A strong yielding potential:

- With a very quick implantation, MELISTAR offers a very high forage production in 1st cut as for the following ones.
- Either it's implanted in spring or in the fall, it sets the difference in all situations (respective yields: 104% and 102% vs. controls)

• A lasting production:

- MELISTAR is an annual with a very good longevity, thus allowing to keep a very high production potential on several farms.

• A maximum resistance to blights:

- In case of blights attacks, the quality and the production of the annual ryegrass can be strongly reduced.
- The excellent level of blight resistance of MELISTAR (7.3) is a safety for the production of an abundant and well-consumed fodder.

• A great quality:

- MELISTAR produces a forage rich in leaves and very digestible (digestibility rating: 4.3). Thus, it combines a very high yielding level and a very high quality.
- In order to optimize its food value, it needs to be combined with some leguminous crops such as the crimson clover, the Micheli clover or a vetch.

FOR WHAT USE ?

Grazing	Mowing
possible	

Seeding (August-September or March-April):

- Prepare a thin surface soil;
- Seed to a depth of 1 up to 2 cm;
- Roll right after seeding.

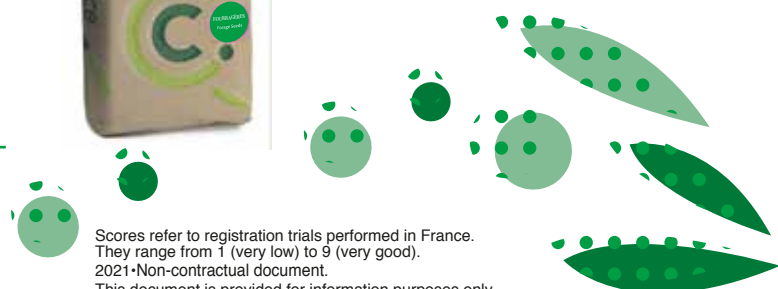
Protection:

- Monitor slugs during the implantation and take action if needed;
- Remove the weeds (as early as 3-4 leaves stage) if needed (seek advice from your technician).



Packaging:

Bag of 15 kg
or big bag of 300 kg



Scores refer to registration trials performed in France. They range from 1 (very low) to 9 (very good).
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