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**OCCTANE**

**ALFALFA**

**THE YIELD AND QUALITY PERFORMANCE!**



# OCCITANE

**Type:** Winter active  
(dormancy fall index: 6.5)  
**Persistency:** 4 years and more  
**Protein content (% on D.M):** 19%  
(GIE GRASS result)

**Sowing rate:**  
- 20 to 25 kg/ha (8 to 10 kg/ac) straight  
- 2 Précidose®/ha"

## Pest and disease resistance:

- Nematodes: 6.0      - Verticillium wilt: 3.4  
- Anthracnose: 5.8    - Lodging: 5.0

Trials performed in France, the scores range from 1 (very sensitive) to 9 (very resistant).

## ITS ADVANTAGES

OCCITANE is a variety selected for its very high yielding potential and its quality.

- **Strong yielding potential:**
  - OCCITANE distinguishes itself by its high-yielding potential (102% vs. reference)
  - OCCITANE is a very consistent variety both under irrigated and dry conditions.
- **Extra quality:**
  - With a higher protein content and a better digestibility, OCCITANE produces a fodder with an excellent feed quality, source of added value for breeders and dehydration.
  - In its dormancy range, OCCITANE is the variety with the highest protein production per hectare.
- **Secure yielding and persistency:**
  - OCCITANE is a secure variety thanks to its high level of resistance to diseases and pests such as nematodes.



## ADVISES YOU OCCITANE

is also available with different coating technologies:

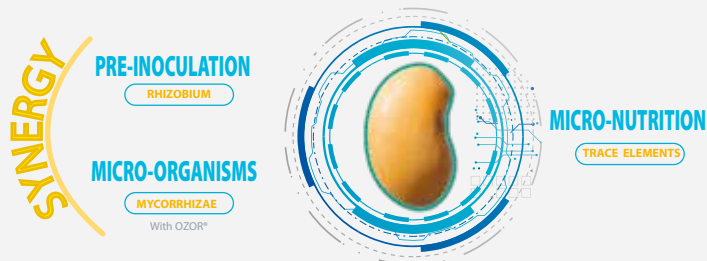
**S.A.S LIFE** **S.A.S PREMIUM**+: mycorrhizae + rhizobium + nutrients cocktail : a technology which optimizes the water and nutrients absorption and improves stress resistance.

**S.A.S GOLD** **S.A.S PREMIUM**: rhizobium + nutrients cocktail : a ready-to-use product that maximizes the potential of alfalfa.

**S.A.S ENERGY** nutrients cocktail : a coating which secures crop establishment and yields while preventing from trace-elements deficiencies.

**S.A.S READY** rhizobium: pre-inoculated seeds for a secured crop development.

Our S.A.S range for alfalfa contains 84% seeds and 16% coating solution, except the S.A.S READY grade with 70% seeds and 30% coating solution. Some S.A.S grades are available in Précidose®, an efficient packing which ensures an accurate number of seeds per bag. Using 2 Précidose®/ha ensures an optimal sowing density of 900 seeds/m<sup>2</sup>.



S.A.S READY, S.A.S GOLD, S.A.S PREMIUM: pre-inoculated seeds, coated with the strain *Sinorhizobium meliloti* - 2.5/3.10 E8 CFU/g  
NITRAGIN GOLD - MA n°1150014 - No classification - Proprietary NOVOZYMES A/S Krogshøjvej 36 2880 BAGSVAERD DENMARK.  
RHIZOSEED - MA n° 1190518 - No classification - Proprietary CYBELE AGROCARE SAS 7 rue Aristide Briand 92 300 LEVALLOIS-PERRET FRANCE.

S.A.S LIFE, S.A.S PREMIUM+: pre-inoculated seeds, coated with the strains *Sinorhizobium meliloti* - 2.5/3.10 E8 CFU/g and *Glomus intraradices* 500 propagules/g  
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## FOR WHAT USE?

Grazing	Mowing	Dehydration

### Sowing :

- Choose suitable fields for cultivating alfalfa : well drained soils and pH above 6.5, consider liming if necessary;
- Ideally sow in spring for a better establishment;
- In summer, drill as soon as the previous crop has been harvested.
- Prepare a thin seed bed to ensure optimal soil-seed contact;
- Sow at a depth of 0.5 to 1 cm maximum. If bare or S.A.S ENERGY coated seeds are used, it is advised to inoculate the seeds with a *Rhizobium meliloti* strain prior to sowing, particularly if no alfalfa has been cultivated for the past years, but also in case the organic matter content of the soil is low.
- Roll right after sowing.

### Protection :

- Monitor slugs during the establishment and take action if necessary.
- Control weeds at 3-4 trifoliate leaves stage if needed.

### Fertilisation :

- Perform soil analysis regularly in order to know the pH and the nutrients contents with accuracy. Adjust fertilization accordingly;
- Make sure you compensate the nutrients that are exported and increase your inputs in case of poor soils.
- Alfalfa is very demanding in potassium (K<sub>2</sub>O) and, to a lower extent, in phosphorus (P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>).



Packaging:  
15 kg or 25 kg bag  
or Précidose® (4.5 millions of seeds)



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