

Product Sheet Fabio Italian Ryegrass

Introduction:

Developed by Eurograss in Europe. It is sold commercially in Europe and North America. Fabio is a tetraploid Italian ryegrass with excellent yields. Fabio can be seeded alone or under a cereal silage crop for late season production in higher moisture areas of Western Canada. It is a fast growing leafy high quality annual grass in Western Canada. It shows vigorous establishment, fast regrowth and good digestibility. In Germany the variety is also used for biogas cultivation. Fabio has very good resistance to mildew but is susceptible to ryegrass mosaic virus and Rhynchosporium and medium susceptibility to rust.

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Recommended Seeding Rates 15-25lbs per acre.

*Difference between Fabio Italian Ryegrass and Westerwold Ryegrass is that Italian is excellent for forage and will not set seed in with Canadian growing conditions. Westerwold will set seed heads and produce seed in first year.

