

# Raskila

## Meadow Fescue

Meadow fescue originates mainly out of northern Europe and mountainous regions of southern Europe. **Raskila** is a medium maturing meadow fescue that combines very good yield potential throughout the growing season with strong resistance to diseases (especially that of rust and leaf spot) and excellent winter hardiness. It grows very well under cool moist conditions, tolerating wet and sometimes flooded soils; however, **Raskila** also is able to produce in climates somewhat drier and hotter than what most meadow fescues are capable of. **Raskila** has excellent quality, forms a thick sward and is an excellent choice for pasture or used as the grass component with alfalfa for hay or haylage.

### APPLICATION

- Excellent component for pasture mixes in northern regions of the US and Canada, especially in areas of wet soils.
- Excellent for mechanical harvest in grass/alfalfa mixtures especially where high quality forage is needed.

### MANAGEMENT

- Planting Rate (pure stand): 25—35 pounds per acre
- Planting Rate (mixtures): 5—8 pounds per acre
- Planting Depth: 1/4—1/2 inch

### FEATURES

- Excellent disease resistance and winter hardiness
- Tolerates wet soils
- Extends southern region of adaptation
- High quality

### BENEFITS

- Improved persistence and longevity
- Excellent forage where other grass species won't grow
- Improves drought tolerance and adaptability
- Improved animal production

### PERFORMANCE DATA

Variety	FFR Data			Mich. State Data	
	T DM/A	% Mean	Foliar Disease Rating	Variety	T DM/A
Raskila	5.6	119	3.0	Raskila	1.20
Pardus	4.8	102	5.3	KY-31 TF	1.02
KY-31 TF	5.7	121	2.0	Pradel	0.87
Preval	5.1	108	5.7		
Liherold	4.1	88	8.3		

Test mean 6.0

*Disease Rating: 1= clean plant; 9= severely infected.*

*FFR Plots were planted in 2014 in Lafayette, Indiana.*

*Data is from 3 harvests in 2015.*

*Mich. State plots were planted in summer of 2016 in Lansing, MI*

*Data was 1 harvest in October, 2016. Additional data is forthcoming.*