

Variety Description

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MERKEM

Species	Perennial ryegrass
Botanical name	Lolium perenne
Ploidy	4
Seeding rate	25–30 kg/ha
Distance between rows	as cereals
Sowing period	until September
Sowing depth	1–2 cm

Agronomic figures*:

Development after sowing	5
Tendency to winterkilling	4
DM-yield total	6
DM-yield first cut	6
DM-yield in aftermath	6
Persistence	5
Sward density	5
Tendency to lodging	6
Inflorescence during regrowth	4
Susceptibility to rust	5
Beginning of flowering	8



Clarification of figures*:

1: very early, very low / 5: medium / 9: very late, very high

* **Source:** Bundessortenamt [Federal Plant Variety Office] 2018, state variety tests

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MERKEM is a tetraploid late-season perennial ryegrass variety, characterised by its even yield distribution. The overall yields remain high throughout the year. The variety is also very winter-hardy.

Most important characteristics

High-yielding
Even yield distribution
Good winter-hardiness

Usage

