

Variety Description

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MELPETRA

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	4
Tendency to winterkilling	5
DM-yield total	5
DM-yield first cut	5
DM-yield in aftermath	6
Persistence	6
Sward density	5
Tendency to lodging	5
Inflorescence during regrowth	3
Susceptibility to rust	3
Beginning of flowering	9



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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MELPETRA is a tetraploid very late-season variety. It is primarily characterised by its tremendous persistence and sward density. High yield in the first cut and the subsequently good yield distribution make MELPETRA an extremely special variety. Combined with low susceptibility to diseases and less inflorescence in the regrowth period, MELPETRA proves to be an ideal ryegrass variety.

Most important characteristics

Excellent winter-hardiness and tremendous persistence
Good yield characteristics
High feed quality
Low susceptibility to rust

Usage

