

Variety Description

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MELMONDO

Species	Annual ryegrass
Botanical name	Lolium multiflorum ssp. westerwoldicum
Ploidy	4
Seeding rate	40–45 kg/ha
Distance between rows	as cereals
Sowing period	until late August
Sowing depth	1–2 cm

Agronomic figures*:

Heading	7
Catch crop: Mass formation after sowing	6
Catch crop: Tendency to lodging	4
Catch crop: Susceptibility to rust	4
Catch crop: Susceptibility to mildew	5
Catch crop: DM-yield first cut	7
Main crop: Mass formation after sowing	5
Main crop: DM-yield total	6
Main crop: DM-yield first cut	6
Main crop: DM-yield in aftermath	5



Clarification of figures*:

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

* **Source:** Cultivator classification

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The tetraploid ryegrass MELMONDO is bred specifically for use as a catch crop; it can, however, also be grown as main crop because of its consistent yields. MELMONDO is a very leafy variety that produces high-quality feed and can be used fresh or silaged. It grows very quickly in the early stages, leading to rapid ground cover and weed suppression. In late autumn, the land on which MELMONDO has been grown can still be used for grazing.

Most important characteristics

Best suited as catch crop and main crop
High yields
Leafy plant stand

Usage

Annual ryegrass belongs to the family of short-lived ryegrass, because it puts forth shoots in the year of sowing. Annual ryegrass is bred for three purposes: 1. Catch crop cultivation; 2. Annual cultivation for multiple cropping, sometimes also in combination with Italian ryegrass; 3. As 'nurse grass' during new planting of permanent grassland for quick ground cover.

