

Variety Description

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PARDUS

Species	Meadow fescue
Botanical name	Festuca pratensis
Ploidy	2
Seeding rate	25 kg/ha
Distance between rows	as cereals
Sowing period	April to August
Sowing depth	1–2 cm



Agronomic figures*:

Heading	5
Development after sowing	6
Tendency to winterkilling	4
Tendency to lodging	6
Susceptibility to rust	4
Persistence	6
Sward density	6
DM-yield total	6
DM-yield first cut	5
DM-yield in aftermath	6



Clarification of figures*:

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

* **Source:** Bundessortenamt [Federal Plant Variety Office] 2016, state variety tests

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PARDUS is a recommended meadow fescue belonging to the mid-season maturity group. PARDUS is primarily known for its huge yield potential both in the first cut and in regrowth. Fast early development and rapid regrowth help to effectively suppress weeds. In addition, PARDUS is extremely winter-hardy and persistent. These two factors in particular are crucial when it comes to meadow fescue varieties.

Most important characteristics

Even yield distribution
Extreme persistence and winter-hardiness
Healthy
High sward density
Ideal ingredient in permanent grassland mixtures

Usage

Meadow fescue is an ornamental bunchgrass, characterised primarily by its extreme winter-hardiness. With a feed value 8, it is comparable to perennial ryegrass owing to its extremely leafy structure. Meadow fescue tolerates medium cropping and fertiliser application and works well for fresh, intensively used grasslands. It exhibits rapid leaf development.

