

Variety Description

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TRAVA

Species	Tall fescue
Botanical name	Festuca arundinacea
Ploidy	Hexaploid
Seeding rate	30 kg/ha
Distance between rows	Similar to cereals
Sowing period	April to August
Sowing depth	1–2 cm

Agronomic figures*:

Deficiencies before winter	2
Deficiencies after winter	1,9
Total coverage (%)	92,2
Development after sowing	5,8
Lodging at first cut	2,2
Total rust	2
Total sward density	7
Weed pressure at first cut	5
Total relative dry matter	101

Clarification of figures*:

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



* **Source:** Bundessortenamt [Federal Plant Variety Office] 2021. First year of testing, sowing year 2020

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The tall fescue variety TRAVA is characterised by leaves that are particularly soft and fine, making it a variety of the “soft leaf” group alongside its sister variety MAKSI. The plant is almost entirely free of the jagged ligules often found on the leaf blades of tall fescue, which makes it more appealing to animals. By the end of its first year of testing, TRAVA obtained impressive agronomic results with very low deficiencies after winter, the best total coverage in the variety catalogue, and strong development after sowing. TRAVA obtained the best grade across all varieties in sward density over the entire testing year. In terms of weed pressure at the first cut, TRAVA was ranked almost a full point higher than the average of all varieties evaluated. TRAVA also scored the highest mark across all test varieties – tied with sister variety MAKSI – in relative total dry matter yields.

Most important characteristics

Very high total coverage
Best score in sward density
Best yield rating

Usage

Tall fescue is characterised by high resilience. It is a persistent grass that grows up to 1 m high, though with proper care it can reach a height of over 1.5 m. Tall fescues are often found in damp grasslands and wet areas. It is extraordinarily winter-hardy and holds well against both wet and dry conditions.

