



FESTULOLIUM

Producers may know that cover crops benefit the soil and agricultural operations, but do they know the benefits of each species? Each month a different cover crop species will be highlighted to provide producers with information needed to successfully grow cover crops or alternative forages on their operation.

AT A GLANCE

- Cool-season forage grass
- Cold and heat tolerant
- High dry-matter yield
- Hybrid of meadow fescue or tall fescue with perennial or Italian ryegrass
- Grows best on fertile soils with a pH of 5.5–7.0, but not recommended for poorly drained or low-fertility soils

PLANTING DETAILS

- Seeds/lb: 227,000
- Planting depth: 1/4"
- Planting dates:
 - March–May; August–September
- Rate per acre:
 - 30–40 lbs/stand; 10–15 in mixes
- Min germination temp: 40 F
- Winter Hardiness Scale: 5/5

ABOUT FESTULOLIUM

- Fast-starting, high-quality forage for silage or pasture
- Performs well with snow cover, though not a permanent forage species making it suitable for cold weather.

BENEFITS

Versatile

Festulolium pairs well with other forage species such as alfalfa, clover, annual ryegrasses, perennial ryegrass, and others.

Management

Hay or Haylage Harvest (cut boot to mid-bloom)



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