



FORAGE FIRST[®]

PREMIUM ALFALFA

Brand

CUTTING SYSTEM: 3 - 4

- **Solid performance at a modest price**
- **Improved disease resistance**
- **Widely adapted**

Premium Brand alfalfa is a carefully selected brand of premium proprietary alfalfa chosen specifically for adaptation in the area in which it will be grown. Premium Brand is a perfect choice for growers seeking a moderately priced alfalfa.

- **Includes CrosseCoat[™]** - an elite platform of proven seed coating and treatments to enhance germination, establishment and survival

FORAGE FIRST[®] FACTOR: Understand that harvest schedules play a huge role in alfalfa selection. Be practical when considering cutting intervals and regrowth expectations. If the fall dormancy doesn't match the management of the producer, it doesn't matter the genetics or quality of the alfalfa.

DISEASE & PEST CONTROL

PHYTOPHTHORA ROOT ROT	HR	APHANOMYCES RACE 1	HR
VERTICILLIUM WILT	HR	APHANOMYCES RACE 2	NR
ANTHRACNOSE	R	PEA APHID	NR
BACTERIAL WILT	HR	POTATO LEAFHOPPER	NR
FUSARIUM WILT	R		
FALL DORMANCY	4.0	TOTAL DRI	28/30
WINTER SURVIVAL	2.0		

HR = HIGHLY RESISTANT, 51% or more resistant plants	R = RESISTANT, 31 - 50% resistant plants
MR = MODERATELY RESISTANT, 15 - 30% resistant plants	LR = LOW RESISTANCE, 6 - 14% resistant plants
S = SUSCEPTIBLE, 0 - 5% resistant plants	NR = NOT RATED

SEEDING RATES (LBS/ACRE)

MONOCULTURE	15 - 20	SEEDS/LB	227,000
MIX COMPONENT	8 - 10	DEPTH (IN)	1/4 (FINE) - 1/2 (SANDY)
		EMERGENCE (DAYS)	7 - 14

SEED INFORMATION

CHARACTERISTICS

ESTABLISHMENT	MED	PALATABILITY	HIGH
PERSISTENCE	MED	YIELD POTENTIAL	HIGH
DROUGHT TOLERANCE	MED	GRAZING TOLERANCE	HIGH
WINTER HARDINESS	HIGH		

PLANTING TIMES

SPRING PLANTING	MAR - MAY	Grows best on deep, well-drained, friable soil with pH 6.5 to 7.5
FALL PLANTING	AUG - SEP	
LIFE CYCLE	PERENNIAL	

ADAPTATION

ESTABLISHMENT

Plant alfalfa seed in clean, smooth, firm seedbed with adequate moisture. Ensure good surface drainage. Do not seed as first crop on newly leveled land where fill may settle and cause poor surface drainage. A combination drill and packer is desirable. Cultipack soil before and after seeding to help stand establishment.

Spring seeding can occur 30 days before last killing frost. Late summer-sown alfalfa seed can also be successful. Allow for adequate growth prior to first killing frost.

ROTATIONAL GRAZING

Graze early bloom (1/4 inch bloom) to 2 inches. Potential bloat hazard. Use caution when grazing. Alfalfa best withstands grazing if rotated frequently or grazed in small strips.

HARVEST MANAGEMENT

Cut at 1/4 bloom; last cutting of season should be 4 weeks before first killing frost



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