



# MEROA ITALIAN RYEGRASS

A LATE-MATURING, TRUE TETRAPLOID ITALIAN RYEGRASS

Meroa is both a tetraploid and an Italian ryegrass. This makes it very useful. First, as a tetraploid ryegrass, it has twice the chromosomes of a diploid ryegrass, higher sugar content, and bigger, more succulent leaves. Meroa is also a true Italian ryegrass, meaning that when planted in cool-season regions it normally will not go to seedhead until following summer. In warm-season climates, fall planting is recommended.

## HIGH YIELDS

Meroa has higher forage yields than many other annual ryegrass varieties in both northern and southern locations.

## LATE MATURITY

Meroa is later maturing, producing abundant forage throughout the entire spring growing season. It also has very good regrowth.

## DAIRY-QUALITY FORAGE

Meroa has exhibited high forage quality, even late in the season and is an excellent forage for high demand livestock.

## DISEASE RESISTANCE

In 2015, during a significant disease outbreak in North Florida, Meroa exhibited virtually no susceptibility to grey leaf spot and rust.



### At A Glance

- Tetraploid with high sugars
- True Italian ryegrass
- Late maturity; abundant highquality vegetative growth throughout the spring growing season
- High winter-hardiness
- Also works well as a cover crop—good weed suppression and biomass production

### Establishment

Fall planting recommended in warm climates

**Seeding Rate:** 35-40 lbs/A

**Seeding Depth:** 1/4"

**Seeding Dates:** Early spring or late summer

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### **PLANT IT IN THE SPRING**

Meroa exhibits all the best features of a true tetraploid Italian ryegrass. When planted in the spring/early summer in cooler climates, its true Italian parentage will prevent unwanted seedheads until the following year. Instead, Meroa will be able to provide abundant forage for highly demanding livestock throughout the year and into the following spring.



### **PLANT IT IN THE FALL**

When sown in the fall, either as a cultivated planting or overseeding an existing pasture, Meroa's lush and leafy canopy will remain productive late into the spring season with forage yields continuing on until early summer. Meroa can be planted in both cool and warm season regions for winter forage. Meroa performs very well as a cover crop, providing good weed suppression and generous biomass.

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