

# HDR

## Meadow Fescue

HDR (High Yielding, Digestible, and Disease Resistant) meadow fescue was developed for dairy and beef producers who are interested in providing the best energy grass for their livestock. HDR contains varieties that are selected for high yields in the United States. HDR is the most digestible and high energy forage grass that can be grown in the continental climate of the U.S. that is characterized by very hot summers and very cold winters. HDR contains Pradel, the one of the most disease resistant meadow fescue varieties on the market.

Of all the different grass species, meadow fescue has one of the broadest ranges of application. From dry hay to pasture, from heavy soils to light, meadow fescue can provide good tonnage and excellent quality. Meadow fescue is a semibunch type, cool season, European grass that has great winter hardiness. It will yield slightly less than tall fescue and orchard grass but has better fiber digestibility and palatability for grazing applications.

### Establishment

Meadow fescue will establish faster than tall fescue or orchardgrass but will still benefit from a nurse crop. Seeding depth should be between 0.25 and 0.5 inches; 0.25 inches is preferred. Use a low rate of a small grain or combine with festulolium or ryegrass to help suppress weeds. Meadow fescue is a good no-till option but will not express itself until the following year.

### Management

Meadow fescue needs fertile soils for optimum performance. It works well in intensively managed grazing or hay production if not mowed lower than 3 inches.



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## At A Glance:

### Key Features:

- ◇ Blend of productive varieties from Barenbrug USA
- ◇ High Yielding
- ◇ Digestible
- ◇ Disease Resistant
- ◇ High Energy
- ◇ Winter Hardy
- ◇ Adapted to Cooler Climates

### Establishment:

Use the Large Box of the Drill  
Seeding Rate: 35-45lbs per Acre  
Seeding with Alfalfa: 3-8lbs per Acre  
Seeding Depth: 1/4" - 1/2"

Establishment speed: Rapid

*Forage Tech Sheet*