

Steak Alfalfa

What is it?

A medium maturity alfalfa designed to produce high quality hay for **Beef Production**.

Why grow it?

Features	Benefits
Over 70% multifoliolate	➔ Steak Alfalfa has been designed to offer beef producers high quality hay cut after cut. Fall dormancy rating of 3 out of 11 offers a medium maturity alfalfa, which means a 28 to 32 day recovery period can be expected
Persistence	➔ Steak offers a Disease Resistance Index of 29 out of 30, along with a Winter Hardiness rating of 1.5 out of 6. This combination will ensure the producer a healthy and productive Medium Rotation (4 to 6 years) stand
Regrowth	➔ Steak will consistently produce two cuts, and possibly enough growth for haying or grazing in the fall
Winter hardiness	➔ With a rating of 1.5 out of 6, Steak Alfalfa offers one of the best winter hardiness ratings in the industry
Disease resistance index	➔ Steak Alfalfa offers 29 out of 30 rating on DRI, which results in improved stand establishment as well as healthier stands through the production years

<u>WH</u>	<u>FD</u>	<u>BW</u>	<u>VW</u>	<u>PRR</u>	<u>FW</u>	<u>APH</u>	<u>AN</u>
1.5	3.0	HR	HR	HR	HR	R	HR

FD=Fall Dormancy Rating, WH= Winter Hardiness, BW=Bacterial Wilt, VW=Verticilium Wilt, PRR=Phytophthora, FW=Fusarium Wilt, APH=Aphanomyces Root Rot, AN=Anthracnose Root Rot, NT= Not Tested

How to grow it...

Seeding Information	Adaptations	Management
10-12 lbs/ac of inoculated seed	Well drained soils preferred	If intended for grazing, animals should be removed when there is rain or heavy dew
Seed ¼ to ½ inch deep	Tolerance to saline and alkaline soils	If cut for hay, cut at 10% bloom
Seedbed should be firm for a footprint to sink no more than ¾ of an inch	Excellent winter hardiness	Fertilize according to soil tests; phosphate, potash and sulfur required