

Starbuck Alfalfa

What is it?

Alfalfa variety ideal for dairy operations – “Bred to Milk!”

Why grow it?

Features		Benefits
Over 85% multifoliolate	➔	Outstanding feed quality (relative feed quality is 115% of checks) in addition to high protein and energy for better milk production
Very persistent	➔	Maintains high yields as stand matures
Very rapid regrowth	➔	Adapts well to Multi-cut hay/silage system
Excellent winter hardiness	➔	Suited to the harsh conditions of Western Canada
Outstanding resistance	➔	Increased stand longevity

<u>WH</u>	<u>FD</u>	<u>BW</u>	<u>VW</u>	<u>PRR</u>	<u>FW</u>	<u>APH</u>	<u>AN</u>
1.3	3.7	HR	R	HR	HR	HR	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	Recommended not to graze below 10-15 cm
Seed ¼ to ½ inch deep	Tolerance to saline and alkaline soils	If cut for hay, cut at 10% bloom or earlier for optimum forage quality
Seed bed should be firm; packing may be required	Excellent winter hardiness	Fertilize according to soil tests; phosphate, potash and sulfur required