

Festival is an improved variety of forage type tall fescue developed by FFR and licensed to Pickseed.



DESCRIPTION:

Festival is an 11 clone synthetic variety developed from a long term breeding program working with tall fescues adapted to the upper Midwest. Each parent clone was selected for outstanding yield, quality and seed production potential.

USAGE:

Festival was developed for use as a persistent, productive, high quality forage grass suitable for hay and pasture use. It can be used alone or mixed with forage legumes and other grasses. Developed in Indiana, Festival is particularly well adapted to the transition zone and the Northeastern, Mid Atlantic, and Midwestern states.

It has the same area of adaptation as KY-31, but with a much higher forage quality and yield potential. The forage yield potential of Festival is excellent. In eight locations / years of forage yield data, Festival has out-yielded Stargazer, Mozark and KY-31 by 8%, 8% and 21% respectively. Festival reaches maturity similar to or slightly earlier than KY-31 and later than Mozark tall fescue.

Festival has been trialed extensively in middle to upper Midwestern locations. These include: Brookston, Indiana; Lexington, KY; Lakeville, OH; and Buck Creek, Indiana.

GROWTH:

Festival is an endophyte-free variety of forage tall fescue. Selected for improved summer color and growth, it has excellent seed germination and is fast to establish a productive ground cover. Once established, Festival produces a dense, productive, leafy canopy with improved resistance to leaf and stem rusts. Festival has excellent persistence and has also demonstrated outstanding tolerance to both summer heat and winter cold.