





## Welcome to Byron Seeds

At Byron Seeds, feeding livestock is our business. The selections we make in all seed for livestock feed are based on animal performance, as well as top shelf agronomics. We work worldwide with multiple companies in selecting and researching what seed will contribute to better livestock performance.

For example, our KingFisher and Red Tail corn hybrids were chosen from a wide genetic base for the best agronomics and digestibility. Due to this broad selection and attention to genetics that produce corn with outstanding potential to boost livestock performance, we now have a corn lineup like no other. We have consistent high-quality silage corn, whether it's an early-, medium-, or late-maturing variety.

## Ever since 1995, Byron Seeds has been rooted in bringing the best alfalfa in the world to your farm.

And alfalfa continues to dominate our focus. Our unique focus on alfalfa results in a depth of alfalfa lineup and management knowledge second to none. Our popular KingFisher SynergyX alfalfa blends combine premium alfalfas with various root systems to increase yield, reduce risk, and extend stand life across your field.

#### Byron Seeds is also a leader in forage grasses:

- Selecting the best improved grasses
- Developing grass-based systems
- Teaching grass management
- Promoting soil health with grass

Grass is highly digestible forage with excellent yield potential when fertilized and managed properly. In this guide, we offer you the best grasses in the world that we could find for hay and pasture.

In today's farming economy, being efficient in increasing yields or quality can be essential for survival. In our program, we are probing deeply into all avenues of farming practices, like cover crops and cropping rotations. Our goal is to help farmers succeed and to be sustainable for the next generation.

As an organic farmer for over 12 years, I get more and more excited at what we are discovering as we seek innovative solutions for our farmer customers. Stay tuned!

Cordially,

Samuel S. Fisher

Samuel Fisher
Founder and CEO



## **How to Use the Resource Guide**

#### **Growing Zones**

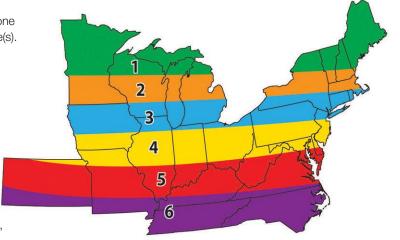
Below the name of each variety listed in this resource guide is a zone recommendation. The variety does best in the recommended zone(s). The map on this page shows the location of each zone.

There may be a management recommendation as well. The listed variety will do well in the management zone(s) if good farming management practices are implemented.

**Zones:** These zones are the recommended location(s) for the variety listed.

**Management:** An acceptable variety in this zone with good farm management, soils, and fertility.

**Maturity Zones pictured:** Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, North Dakota, South Dakota and Tennessee.



#### **Replant Policy**

Byron Seeds will replace the seed of our Premium Products that failed to germinate and emerge, as determined by a Byron representative. Premium Products that qualify for the Replant



Policy are as follows: KingFisher products, Premium perennial grasses and summer annuals. Byron Seeds also offers a 50% replant on any competitor's premium products.

#### **EXCEPTIONS**

Corn that is planted prior to or after the state's insurable dates is not covered under this Replant Policy. Seed that is frost seeded or interseeded into existing stands is excluded as are non-KingFisher annuals, cover crops and turf grass.

#### **GOOD FARMING PRACTICES**

Byron Seeds will not replace seed if planting was not done under good farming practices. Good farming practices include, but are not limited to, proper seed bed preparation, good weed control at planting, proper seed depth and recommended seed-to-soil contact. To qualify for a replant, a site inspection and approval by a qualified Byron representative may be required.

#### **TERMS**

Replant requests must be received within 6 months of the planting date. Freight charges apply. Other terms and conditions may apply.

#### **Organic Seed**

Byron Seeds is a supporter of the organic farming movement. We believe that there is a need for good, healthy forage for our livestock, and good, healthy food for our families. It seems that others agree with us because there is an ever-increasing demand for a source of unmodified food and forage.

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## We know forage.

Byron Seeds is focused on livestock performance. We can guide you in forage solutions for your farm.

#### Rooted in forage

- A family-owned company that was founded on forage
- An award-winning forage portfolio that brings added value
- Over 25 years of forage research and management expertise
- Good inventory, custom mixing options, and quick service

#### Diverse high performance forage programs

- Forage genetics sourced worldwide to fit the needs of every forage program
- An unmatched forage portfolio to fit any rotation and manure management system
- A focus on forage systems that build soil health and increase profitability

#### Farmers helping farmers

- Service-focused family business guided by servant leaders with on-farm experience
- Certified forage specialists trained to guide farmers in productive forage programs
- Local experience and expertise in forages, cover crops, and soil health management

## Early-Order Opportunities with Byron Seeds, LLC

- Early ordering is a great way to ensure you'll receive the seed you want.
- Early ordering also allows you a chance to receive big discounts on your seed. Your savings will match up your payment date with the discount levels at right. All seeds listed in this catalog are eligible for discounts providing they are for the next seeding year.
- Your payment must be received at Byron Seeds before the end of the month of your chosen discount levels.

If financing or credit cards are used to pay for your order, the discounts shown below are reduced by 2% in any month.

#### **Discount Levels**

■ September.......8% ■ December......5% ■ October.......7% ■ January........4% ■ November......6%

The discount will be deducted from your paid order!

#### **BYRON SEEDS FINANCING**

Byron Seeds offers competitive financing plans through First Mid Ag or John Deere Financial. Our plans offer:

- -Competitive interest rates
- -No processing fees
- -May be used for early orders (Sept-Jan)

Contact your local Byron Seeds dealer for more details and to apply for Byron Seeds Financing.



## **Consistent Silage Corn, Year After Year**

Producers want silage corn with strong agronomics and exceptional energy. And they want it consistently, year after year, across every relative maturity. KingFisher and Red Tail silage corn delivers consistent performance through out the complete lineup, so every producer can maximize digestible energy for his livestock.

Dedicated to livestock nutrition, KingFisher and Red Tail corn is focused on consistently maximizing the harvest of energy per ace and boosting livestock performance.

## Specializing in development of hybrids for dairy corn silage:

- Increased Starch Digestibility
- Increased Fiber Digestibility

## Most extensive silage corn breeding program available:

- Professional relationship with multiple genetic companies
- The best genetics worldwide, for consistent corn hybrids





**KF 27C10** 

CONVENTIONAL

77 Day RM

This impressive short season hybrid is a medium-tall robust corn with very good stalk and root strength and very good Tar Spot tolerance.

**FiberGest** (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good

SofStarch (ISVD7) Verv Good

Milk per Ton Verv Good

Digestible Fiber per Acre Very Good

- Recommended Population 27-32K
- Red cob with 16-18 kernel rows
- Excellent dry down
- Very good response to fungicide application

Seedling Vigor...... Very Good Plant Height..... Medium-Tall Ear Height..... Medium Ear Flex ...... Very Good Cob Color..... Red Stalk Strength...... Very Good Root Strength..... Very Good Stay Green..... Very Good

Dry Down ..... Excellent Test Weight..... Good **Gray Leaf Spot** Tolerance...... Good **Northern Leaf** Blight Tolerance..... Very Good Goss's Wilt Tolerance...... Very Good **KF 34C30** 

**CONVENTIONAL / ORGANIC** 

84 Day RM

Impressive performance across high and low yield environments for silage and dry grain. Above average disease ratings. Great stay green for very good dry down in late season. Great test weight with great starch digestibility.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Excellent

SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good

Milk per Ton Verv Good

**Digestible** Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 27-32K
- Dual-purpose silage and grain
- Not for use on continuous corn acres
- High yields across varied soils
- Very good roots
- Very good response to fungicide application

Seedling Vigor...... Very Good Plant Height..... Medium-Tall Ear Height..... Medium Ear Flex ...... Very Good Cob Color..... Light Red Stalk Strength..... Very Good Root Strength..... Very Good Stay Green..... Very Good

Dry Down ...... Very Good Test Weight..... Very Good Gray Leaf Spot Tolerance...... Very Good **Northern Leaf** Blight Tolerance...... Very Good Goss's Wilt Tolerance..... Very Good

### **KF 35C10**

CONVENTIONAL

85 Dav RM

Big plant, high yielding, very good stay green, dual-purpose hybrid, excellent corn-on-corn option.

**FiberGest** (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good

SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good

Milk per Ton Very Good

Digestible Fiber per Acre Very Good

- Recommended Population 30-34K
- Dual-purpose silage and grain
- Great for continuous corn rotation
- Excellent in medium soils
- Very good stay green for wide harvest window
- Workhorse suited for most rotations

Seedling Vigor...... Very Good Plant Height..... Medium-Tall Ear Height..... Medium-High Ear Flex ...... Very Good Cob Color ..... Pink Stalk Strength ...... Very Good Root Strength...... Very Good Stay Green..... Very Good

Dry Down ...... Very Good Test Weight ..... Very Good **Gray Leaf Spot** Tolerance...... Very Good **Northern Leaf** Blight Tolerance ..... Very Good

Goss's Wilt

Tolerance..... Good

**KF 37C60** 

**CONVENTIONAL / ORGANIC** 

87 Day RM

Attractive hybrid with strong yield and agronomics. A medium plant with medium ear placement.

**FiberGest** (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good

SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good

Milk per Ton Very Good

Digestible Fiber per Acre Good

- Recommended Population 30-34K
- Excellent late season intactness and stay green
- Flex cob with 14-16 kernel rows
- Very good test weight
- Very good leaf and stalk disease ratings

Seedling Vigor...... Very Good Plant Height..... Medium Ear Height..... Medium Ear Flex ..... Very Good Cob Color ..... Red Stalk Strength ...... Very Good Root Strength...... Very Good Stay Green..... Excellent

Dry Down ...... Very Good Test Weight ..... Very Good Gray Leaf Spot Tolerance...... Very Good Northern Leaf Blight Tolerance ..... Very Good

Goss's Wilt

Tolerance..... Excellent

GOOD | Rating scale: POOR | FAIR

**KF 38C80** 

CONVENTIONAL

88 Day RM

A dual-purpose hybrid with semi-flex ears and excellent seedling vigor. Consistent yield and widely adapted across northern regions and soil types. Excellent stalk and very good root strength.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Excellent SofStarch (ISVD7) Excellent Milk per Ton Excellent Digestible Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 28-34K
- Red cob with 16 kernel rows
- Medium-tall plant with medium ear placement
- Excellent on all soil types
- Excellent stay green for wide harvest window
- Widely adapted across northern regions

Seedling VigorExcellentPlant HeightMedium-TallEar HeightMediumEar FlexVery GoodCob ColorRedStalk StrengthExcellentRoot StrengthVery GoodStay GreenExcellent

**KF 42C20** 

**CONVENTIONAL / ORGANIC** 

92 Day RM

High yield with flex ears and impressive grain quality, outstanding silage hybrid for quantity and quality.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Excellent SofStarch (ISVD7) Excellent Milk per Ton Very Good Digestible Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 26-30K
- Dual-purpose silage and grain
- High yielding grain potential
- Good agronomics
- Best performance when kept in maturity zone

**KF 43C40** 

CONVENTIONAL

93 Day RM

Very high yielding grain potential, showy canopy closes quickly, dual purpose grain or silage plant, flex ears, great corn-on-corn option.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good Milk per Ton Very Good Digestible Fiber per Acre Very Good

- Recommended Population 28-32K
- Dual-purpose silage and grain
- Quick canopy closer
- Great heat and drought tolerance
- First rate agronomic and disease package

Seedling VigorVery GoodPlant HeightMedium-TallEar HeightMediumEar FlexExcellentCob ColorPinkStalk StrengthVery GoodRoot StrengthVery GoodStay GreenVery Good

 **KF 44C20** 

**CONVENTIONAL / ORGANIC** 

94 Day RM

Attractive hybrid with strong agronomics. Girthy, flex-style ears bring top yield potential.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good Milk per Ton Very Good Digestible Fiber per Acre Very Good

- Recommended Population 27-32K
- Medium-tall plant with medium ear placement
- Flex cob with 16-18 kernel rows
- Very good test weight
- Very good leaf and stalk disease ratings

Seedling Vigor....... Very Good
Plant Height...... Medium-Tall
Ear Height...... Very Good
Cob Color...... Red
Stalk Strength.... Very Good
Root Strength... Very Good
Stay Green... Excellent

Goss's Wilt

Tolerance...... Very Good

**KF 45C30** 

CONVENTIONAL

95 Day RM

A medium-tall hybrid with semi-erect leaves that produces long flexed ears with 16-18 kernels around. Very good stay green and excellent tolerance to Goss's Wilt and Gray Leaf Spot. Great for continuous corn acres.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Excellent SofStarch (ISVD7) Excellent

Milk per Ton Excellent Digestible Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 27-34K
- Good late-season plant intactness for dry grain option
- Adapted to wide range of soils and management practices
- In top management and good soils, populations should be increased for top yield
- Top performance across a wide range of environments

Seedling Vigor...... Very Good
Plant Height..... Medium-Tall
Ear Height..... Very Good
Cob Color Red
Stalk Strength Very Good
Root Strength... Very Good
Stay Green Very Good

**KF 48C90** 

**ORGANIC** 

98 Day RM

Excellent yield potential for maturity with fast dry down for timely grain harvest, excellent emergence and very good disease ratings.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good Milk per Ton Very Good Digestible Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 28-32K
- Quick dry down
- Medium plant with a girthy ear
- Super yield potential
- Responds well to good management

Seedling VigorExcellentPlant HeightMediumEar HeightMediumEar FlexVery GoodCob ColorRedStalk StrengthVery GoodRoot StrengthExcellentStay GreenVery GoodDry DownExcellent

Test Weight ....... Excellent
Gray Leaf Spot
Tolerance ...... Very Good
Northern Leaf
Blight Tolerance ..... Very Good
Goss's Wilt
Tolerance ..... Very Good

**KF 49C60** 

CONVENTIONAL

99 Day RM

Medium placed flex ears, showy healthy plant, strong adaptation west to east.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Excellent SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good

Milk per Ton Very Good Digestible Fiber per Acre Very Good

- Recommended Population 26-30K
- Dual purpose silage and grain
- Keep off wet/heavier soils
- Excellent eye appeal
- Quick emergence gives early flowering/pollination for consistent grain fill and yield

Seedling Vigor...... Very Good
Plant Height...... Medium-Tall
Ear Height...... Very Good
Cob Color Light Red
Stalk Strength.... Very Good
Root Strength... Very Good
Stay Green..... Good

 **KF 51C50** 

CONVENTIONAL

101 Day RM

Medium-tall robust plant with great silage appeal and a wide range of adaptability in multiple regions. The pedigree behind this hybrid brings time-tested consistency with new era yield for silage and grain.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good Milk per Ton Very Good Digestible Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 30-34K
- Keep populations on higher end for top yield in better soils
- Very good dual purpose for silage and grain
- Strong performance between Interstate 90 and Interstate 70
- Can move south as an early hybrid
- Use caution applying Capreno, Sharpen, Status, or Corvus herbicides while hybrid is under environmental stress as grain yields may be reduced

Seedling VigorExcellentPlant HeightMedium-TallEar HeightMedium-HighEar FlexVery GoodCob ColorLight RedStalk StrengthVery GoodRoot StrengthExcellentStay GreenExcellent

**Blight Tolerance** ..... Very Good **Goss's Wilt** 

Tolerance..... Very Good

**KF 51C80** 

CONVENTIONAL / ORGANIC

101 Day RM

Tall, robust, versatile hybrid with excellent stalk strength and very good root ratings. Stay green is excellent.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good Milk per Ton Very Good Digestible Fiber per Acre Very Good

- Recommended Population 27-32K
- Tall plant with medium ear placement
- Flex pink cob with 18-20 kernel rows
- Excellent tar spot tolerance
- Very good leaf and stalk disease ratings

Seedling Vigor	Very Good
Plant Height	Tall
Ear Height	Medium
Ear Flex	Very Good
Cob Color	Pink
Stalk Strength	Excellent
Root Strength	Very Good
Stay Green	Excellent

Goss's Wilt

Tolerance...... Very Good

**KF 52C20** 

CONVENTIONAL

102 Dav RM

High yielding potential, very good stay green, very heat and stress tolerant, dual-purpose grain or silage hybrid, big plant, white cob with medium placed flex ears.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Excellent SofStarch (ISVD7) Excellent Milk per Ton Excellent Digestible Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 26-30K
- Dual purpose silage and grain
- Strong agronomics and stay green
- Excellent heat and stress tolerance
- Excellent milk per ton/acre

Seedling Vigor....... Very Good Plant Height....... Tall Ear Height....... Medium Ear Flex ...... Excellent Cob Color ...... White Stalk Strength ..... Very Good Root Strength ..... Excellent Stay Green .... Very Good

### **KF 54C50**

**ORGANIC** 

104 Day RM

A medium-tall plant with medium ear placement, impressive fall intactness and appearance, performs best in good management.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good Milk per Ton Very Good Digestible Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 28-32K
- Excellent dual-purpose hybrid
- Pink cob; 16-18 kernel rows
- Excellent agronomics
- Responds well to good nitrogen management

Seedling Vigor	Excellent
Plant Height	Medium-Tall
Ear Height	Medium
Ear Flex	Very Good
Cob Color	Pink
Stalk Strength	Very Good
Root Strength	Very Good
Stay Green	Very Good

 **KF 54C90** 

**CONVENTIONAL / ORGANIC** 

104 Day RM

Medium-tall healthy plant with excellent flex. Widely adapted across all environments.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good Milk per Ton Very Good

- Recommended Population 27-32K
- Excellent stalk strength and stay green
- Versatile hybrid that lends itself more to fed-grain
- Excellent test weight
- Excellent leaf and stalk disease ratings
- Very good tar spot tolerance

Seedling Vigor	Very Good
Plant Height	Medium-Tall
Ear Height	Medium
Ear Flex	Very Good
Cob Color	Red
Stalk Strength	Excellent
Root Strength	Very Good
Stay Green	Excellent

Dry Down	Excellent
Test Weight	Excellent
Gray Leaf Spot	
Tolerance	Excellent
Northern Leaf	
Blight Tolerance	Excellent
Goss's Wilt	
Tolerance	Excellent

**KF 56C30** 

ORGANIC

106 Day RM

Excellent emergence, very good seedling vigor, very good disease package, stress and drought tolerant, semiflex ears.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good Milk per Ton Very Good Digestible Fiber per Acre Very Good

- Recommended Population 30-34K
- Good dual-purpose hybrid but leans more toward grain
- Solid agronomics
- Excellent emergence and very good seedling vigor
- Selected for wide range of management practices
- Great drought tolerance

Seedling Vigor	Very Good
Plant Height	Medium-Tall
Ear Height	Medium-High
Ear Flex	Very Good
Cob Color	Pink
Stalk Strength	Excellent
Root Strength	Excellent
Stay Green	Very Good

Tolerance...... Very Good

**KF 57C80** 

CONVENTIONAL

107 Day RM

A robust plant with excellent silage and grain ratings, dark green canopy-type leaves on a robust stalk, consistent yields in silage and grain.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Excellent SofStarch (ISVD7) Excellent

Milk per Ton Excellent Digestible Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 30-36K
- Slower grain dry down due to plant health within maturity range
- Wide regional adaption
- Excellent roots and late season standability
- Excellent eve appeal
- Excellent response to fungicide application

Seedling Vigor	Excellent
Plant Height	Tall
Ear Height	Medium
Ear Flex	Excellent
Cob Color	Red
Stalk Strength	Very Good
Root Strength	. Excellent
Stay Green	Excellent

Tolerance...... Good

**KF 59C30** 

**CONVENTIONAL / ORGANIC** 

109 Day RM

High-yielding versatile hybrid that's widely adapted across all environments. Medium-tall robust plant.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good Milk per Ton Very Good Digestible Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 27-30K
- Excellent stalk that is tolerant to anthracnose
- Deep, wide kernels on red cob
- Very good stalk and disease ratings
- Very good tar spot tolerance

Seedling Vigor	Very Good
Plant Height	Medium-Tall
Ear Height	Medium
Ear Flex	Very Good
Cob Color	Red
Stalk Strength	Excellent
Root Strength	Very Good
Stay Green	Excellent

**KF 60C50** 

**CONVENTIONAL** 

**110 Day RM** 

Excellent silage hybrid with great eye appeal, dark green canopy-type leaves with a robust stalk.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good SofStarch (ISVD7) Excellent Milk per Ton Very Good

- Recommended Population 27-32K
- Silage use only, place on better managed soils
- Avoid continuous corn acres on stressed soils
- Excellent early and no-till planting
- Very good response to fungicide application
- Slow dry down with very good stay green for a wide harvest window

Seedling Vigor	Very Good
Plant Height	Medium-Tall
Ear Height	Medium
Ear Flex	Very Good
Cob Color	Red
Stalk Strength	Very Good
Root Strength	Very Good
Stay Green	Very Good

Dry Down .		Fair
Test Weigh	t	Fair
Gray Leaf S	Spot	
Tolerance		Excellent
Northern Lo	eaf	
Blight Tole	rance	Very Good
Goss's Wilt	:	
Tolerance		Excellent

**KF 61C90** 

CONVENTIONAL

111 Day RM

Medium-tall plant with good flex and widely adapted across all environments. Versatile hybrid with very good feed quality.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good Milk per Ton Very Good Digestible Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 27-32K
- Very good stalk and root with excellent stay green
- Good kernel depth with a red cob
- Very good leaf and stalk disease ratings
- Very good tar spot tolerance

Seedling VigorVery GoodPlant HeightMedium-TallEar HeightMediumEar FlexVery GoodCob ColorRedStalk StrengthVery GoodRoot StrengthVery GoodStay GreenExcellent

Dry Down ...... Excellent
Test Weight ...... Excellent
Gray Leaf Spot
Tolerance ..... Excellent
Northern Leaf
Blight Tolerance ..... Very Good
Goss's Wilt
Tolerance ..... Excellent

**KF 62C80** 

**CONVENTIONAL** 

112 Day RM

Robust, medium-tall, dual-purpose hybrid with semi-erect leaves and light red cob with 18-20 rows of deep kernels. Produces unmatched, consistent yields east to west across varied soils and management practices. Excellent combination of plant health and agronomics contributes to multiregional adaptability.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Excellent SofStarch (ISVD7) Excellent

Milk per Ton Excellent Digestible Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 27-34K
- Semiflex ear and stalk with high population tolerance in good soils and management
- Maintain higher fertility in lighter soils
- Very good plant health
- Maintain good fertility management for top yields
- Match populations with soil types

Seedling Vigor...... Very Good
Plant Height....... Medium-Tall
Ear Height...... Medium-High
Ear Flex ..... Very Good
Cob Color .... Light Red
Stalk Strength ... Very Good
Root Strength... Very Good
Stay Green ... Very Good

**KF 63C10** 

CONVENTIONAL

113 Day RM

High silage producer in terms of both quantity and quality, good ear length and excellent flex, deep kernels, highly rated disease package, drought and heat tolerant.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good Milk per Ton Excellent Digestible Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 26-30K
- Proven silage hybrid with very good quality
- Versatile hybrid that covers all soil types
- Wide harvest window
- Excellent disease package
- Excellent milk per ton/acre

Seedling Vigor	Very Good
Plant Height	Medium-Tall
Ear Height	Medium-High
Ear Flex	Excellent
Cob Color	Pink
Stalk Strength	Very Good
Root Strength	Very Good
Stay Green	Very Good

**KF 64C40** 

**CONVENTIONAL / ORGANIC** 

114 Day RM

Medium-tall plant, medium-high ear placement, wide dense leaves with good canopy, excellent agronomics over multiple years of testing.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good

Milk per Ton Very Good

- Recommended Population 28-32K
- Good for silage or grain (semi-flex ears)
- Red cob; 16-18 kernel rows
- Very good stalk and root
- Very good leaf and stalk disease ratings

Seedling Vigor	Excellent
Plant Height	Medium-Tall
Ear Height	Medium-High
Ear Flex	Very Good
Cob Color	Red
Stalk Strength	Very Good
Root Strength	Very Good
Stay Green	Excellent

	Dry Down Test Weight	,	
1	Gray Leaf Spot Tolerance Northern Leaf	Very	Good
	Blight Tolerance Goss's Wilt	Very	Good
	Tolerance	Very	Good



**KF 65C00** 

CONVENTIONAL

115 Day RM

Consistent, medium-tall, robust, mid- to full-season corn with very good silage appeal, at home between I-80 and I-70 and in the I-24 corridors in the Midwest and throughout the eastern states.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good Milk per Ton Very Good Digestible Fiber per Acre Very Good

- Recommended Population 30-36K
- Keep populations on higher side for best yields
- Does very well in productive to average soil conditions
- Excellent emergence in cold/no-till soils
- Very good stay green for longer harvest window
- Moves north very well as a full season hybrid; not recommended for deep South

Seedling Vigor	Excellent
Plant Height	Medium-Tall
Ear Height	Medium-High
Ear Flex	Very Good
Cob Color	Pink
Stalk Strength	Very Good
Root Strength	Very Good
Stay Green	Very Good

### **KF 65C90**

CONVENTIONAL

115 Day RM

A true-flex hybrid with large girthy ears, excellent track record for performance through the years.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Excellent SofStarch (ISVD7) Excellent Milk per Ton Very Good Digestible Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 26-30K
- Super yields as silage or grain
- Very good hand husker
- Very good drought tolerance
- Very good stalk and leaf disease ratings

Seedling Vigor	Very Good
Plant Height	Tall
Ear Height	Medium
Ear Flex	Excellent
Cob Color	Light Red
Stalk Strength	Very Good
Root Strength	Excellent
Stay Green	Very Good

### **KF 67C20**

CONVENTIONAL

117 Day RM

Consistent high yields, excellent agronomics, very good disease ratings, broadly adapted regions.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good Milk per Ton Very Good Digestible Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 28-34K
- Very good dual-purpose hybrid
- Broadly adapted with outstanding agronomics
- Consistent high yields across the Midwest and South
- Very good disease ratings

Seedling Vigor	Very Good	Dry D
Plant Height	Tall	Test \
Ear Height	Medium-High	Gray
Ear Flex	Excellent	Toler
Cob Color	Light Red	North
Stalk Strength	Very Good	Bligh
Root Strength	Very Good	Goss
Stay Green	Very Good	Toler

**KF 68C10** 

CONVENTIONAL

118 Day RM

A tall robust hybrid with excellent emergence and seedling vigor: broadly adapted to regions.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good Milk per Ton Very Good Digestible Fiber per Acre Very Good

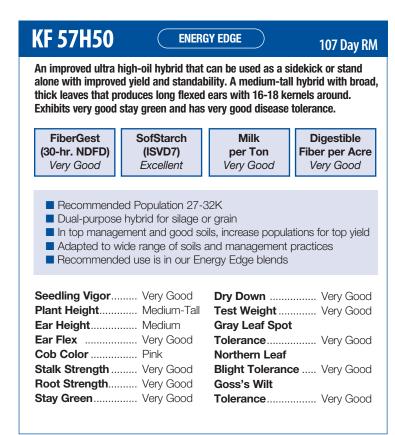
- Recommended Population 28-32K
- Wide range of soil adaption
- Solid white cob with 14-16 kernel rows
- Strong performance in north and south of zone

Seedling Vigor	Excellent
Plant Height	Tall
Ear Height	Medium-High
Ear Flex	Excellent
Cob Color	White
Stalk Strength	Very Good
Root Strength	Very Good
Stay Green	Very Good

Tolerance...... Very Good

Rating scale: POOR | FAIR | GOOD | VERY GOOD | EXCELLENT | 1-2 | 3-4 | 5-6 | 7-8 | 9-10





KF 60S60	MALE	STERILE	110 Day RM						
Male sterile hybrid ideal for farms in niche markets that do not want grain in the diet. Appropriate for silage or grazing. The corn crop will be very high in sugar as grain is not formed. The plant will also take on a red color as sugar increases over time.  Note: Isolation from standard corn is recommended.									
FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Excellent	SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good	Milk per Ton Excellent	Digestible Fiber per Acre Very Good						
Appropriate f									
Seedling Vigor	,	Dry Down							
Plant Height		Test Weight Gray Leaf Spot							
Ear Flex			Very Good						
Cob Color	Pink	Northern Leaf							
Stalk Strength	,	•	e Very Good						
Root Strength	,	Goss's Wilt							
Stay Green	Very Good	Tolerance Very Good							

Byron Seeds is offering several **Energy Edge corn blends** featuring KF 57H50 with other conventional and BMR corn. Energy Edge blends bring a higher level of fat and protein to your feed which may reduce the amount of expensive inputs in your diets.





## **Elite BMR Genetics for Your Farm**

KingFisher BMR corn brings elite agronomics to your farm:

- Increased stalk diameter and density, leading to improved digestibility, higher sugars, and slower dry down.
- Amazing standability and flexibility; holds yields even in tough environments.
- Superb plant health for excellent drought and disease tolerance.
- Consistent pollination for higher starch content and larger ears.

KF 59B70 is a BM3 SofStarch BMR hybrid that excels in standability, ear size, floury starch and overall plant health. With World Forage Superbowl champion quality and breakthrough agronomics, KingFisher BMR corn is changing the future of BMR corn silage.

Contact your local Byron Seeds Certified Forage Specialist to develop a BMR silage plan today!

KingFisher BMR Corn went headto-head with the top-notch BMR's in the country at the 2023 World Forage Analysis Superbowl and emerged as Grand Champion winner plus four finalists, dominating the BMR Corn Silage category.

Let's hear from Jordan Zirbel, the Grand Champion BMR corn silage winner at the 2023 World Forage Analysis Superbowl:

Jordan Zirbel of Zirbel Dairy Farms near Green Bay, Wisconsin saw major agronomic improvement when he started using KF 59B70. The KingFisher BMR has larger leaves, bigger ears, and better drought tolerance because of it's deep-rooting qualities. And the yield of KF 59B70 averaged 26 tons per acre in 2022-huge, as compared to only 18 tons per acre, the average of the BMR he used to plant. And because of the quality of KF 59B70, his 1,000 cows continue their excellent production.

### **KF 59B70**

**BMR-SILAGE ONLY** 

109-115 Day RM

Brown mid-rib for improved digestibility and increased milk production, this non-GMO hybrid is daylight sensitive (moving it into northern regions of the corn belt will cause it to exhibit shorter maturity).

**FiberGest** (30-hr. NDFD) Excellent

SofStarch (ISVD7) Excellent

Milk per Ton Excellent

**Digestible** Fiber per Acre Very Good

- Recommended Population 26-29K
- High grain-to-stover ratio
- Excellent SofStarch for a BMR corn
- Widely adapted to many soil types
- Excellent standability with proper plant populations

Seedling Vigor Very Good	<b>Dry Down</b> N/A
Plant Height Tall	Test Weight N/A
Ear Height Medium	Gray Leaf Spot
Ear Flex Excellent	Tolerance Very Good
Cob Color Red	Northern Leaf
Stalk Strength Very Good	Blight Tolerance Very Good
Root Strength Very Good	Goss's Wilt
Stay Green Excellent	Tolerance Very Good

### **KF 66B80**

BMR- SILAGE ONLY

115-117 Day RM

Brown mid-rib for improved digestibility and increased milk production, this extra-leafy hybrid is medium-tall with high ear placement. This hybrid features extreme stalk expansion at low populations.

**FiberGest** (30-hr. NDFD) Excellent

SofStarch (ISVD7) Excellent

Milk per Ton Excellent

Digestible Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 26-29K
- High grain-to-stover ratio
- Widely adapted to many soil types
- Extra-leafy hybrid
- Excellent standability with proper plant populations

Seedling Vigor...... Very Good Plant Height..... Medium-Tall Ear Height..... High Ear Flex ...... Very Good Cob Color ..... Red Stalk Strength ...... Very Good Root Strength...... Very Good Stay Green..... Excellent

**Dry Down** ...... N/A Test Weight ..... N/A **Gray Leaf Spot** 

Tolerance...... Very Good Northern Leaf

Blight Tolerance ..... Very Good Goss's Wilt

Tolerance...... Very Good



Hybrid	Relative Maturity	GDUs 50% Silking	GDUs to Black Layer	Conventional (CV), Organic (O), Energy Edge (EE), BMR	Red Tail Hybrid (if any)	Irrigated/ Productive Soil	Average/ Variable Soil	Less Productive/ Stress Prone Soil	Heavy Soils with Poor Drainage	Seedling Vigor	Plant Height	Ear Height	Ear Flex	Cob Color	Stalk Strength	Root Strength
KF 27C10	77	1132	2100	CV	27T11	8	9	8	8	8	MedTall	Medium	7	Red	8	7
KF 34C30	84	1145	2145	CV, OR		9	9	9	9	8	MedTall	Medium	8	Light Red	7	8
KF 35C10	85	1180	2150	CV	35T12	8	9	7	8	8	MedTall	MedHigh	7	Pink	8	8
KF 37C60	87	1150	2230	CV, OR		9	9	8	8	8	Medium	Medium	8	Red	8	8
KF 38C80	88	1220	2260	CV	38T86, 38T89	9	9	9	9	9	MedTall	Medium	7	Red	9	8
KF 42C20	92	1200	2280	CV, OR		9	9	8	8	9	MedTall	MedHigh	9	Pink	7	7
KF 43C40	93	1210	2300	CV	43T48	9	8	7	9	8	MedTall	Medium	9	Pink	8	8
KF 44C20	94	1235	2320	CV, OR		9	9	8	8	8	MedTall	Medium	8	Red	8	7
KF 45C30	95	1235	2370	CV		9	9	9	8	8	MedTall	Medium	8	Red	8	8
KF 48C90	98	1250	2300	OR		9	8	7	8	9	Medium	Medium	8	Red	8	9
KF 49C60	99	1250	2307	CV	49T61	8	8	7	8	8	MedTall	Medium	7	Light Red	7	7
KF 51C50	101	1220	2300	CV	51T51	9	9	8	9	9	MedTall	MedHigh	8	Light Red	8	9
KF 51C80	101	1200	2290	CV, OR	51T86	9	9	9	8	8	Tall	Medium	8	Pink	9	8
KF 52C20	102	1298	2418	CV		9	9	8	8	8	Tall	Medium	9	White	8	9
KF 54C50	104	1270	2600	OR		9	8	7	8	9	MedTall	Medium	8	Pink	8	8
KF 54C90	104	1250	2550	CV, OR	54T96	9	8	8	8	8	MedTall	Medium	8	Red	9	8
KF 56C30	106	1300	2420	OR		8	8	8	8	8	MedTall	MedHigh	7	Pink	9	9
KF 57H50	107	1300	2450	EE		9	8	8	8	8	MedTall	Medium	8	Pink	8	8
KF 57C80	107	1310	2460	CV	57T81, 57T85	9	9	9	7	9	Tall	Medium	9	Red	8	9
KF 59B70	109	N/A	N/A	BMR		9	8	7	8	8	Tall	Medium	9	Red	8	8
KF 59C30	109	1310	2690	CV, OR	59T36	9	9	8	8	8	MedTall	Medium	7	Red	9	8
KF 60C50	110	1300	2690	CV		9	9	7	8	8	MedTall	Medium	7	Red	7	8
KF 60S60	110	N/A	N/A	CV		9	9	8	8	8	Tall	Medium	N/A	Pink	8	7
KF 61C90	111	1380	2400	CV	61T96, 61T99	9	8	8	8	8	MedTall	Medium	7	Red	8	8
KF 62C80	112	1424	2470	CV	62T83	8	8	8	8	8	MedTall	MedHigh	8	Light Red	8	8
KF 63C10	113	1320	2790	CV		9	9	8	8	8	MedTall	MedHigh	9	Pink	8	8
KF 64C40	114	1360	2855	CV, OR		9	9	9	8	9	MedTall	MedHigh	8	Red	8	7
KF 65C00	115	1435	2630	CV	65T06	9	9	8	8	9	MedTall	MedHigh	7	Pink	8	8
KF 65C90	115	1355	2790	CV		8	8	8	8	8	Tall	Medium	9	Light Red	7	9
KF 66B80	115	N/A	N/A	BMR		9	8	8	8	7	MedTall	High	8	Red	8	8
KF 67C20	117	1480	2700	CV	67T21	9	9	9	8	8	Tall	MedHigh	9	Light Red	8	7
KF68C10	118	1370	2910	CV	68T88, 68T89	8	8	8	8	9	Tall	MedHigh	9	White	8	7

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	Stay Green	Dry Down	Test Weight	High Population Tolerance	Continuous Corn	Drought Tolerance	Gray Leaf Spot Tolerance	Northern Leaf Blight Tolerance	Goss's Wilt Tolerance	Common Rust Tolerance	Tar Spot	FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD)	SofStarch (IVSD7)	Milk per Ton	Digestible Fiber Per Acre	Hand Husking	Fungicide Response
Ш	8	9	5	9	7	8	6	8	7	7	7	7	8	7	7	8	8
	8	8	8	8	7	8	7	7	7	7	5	9	8	8	9	8	8
Ш	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	7	5	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8
Ш	9	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	9	8	7	7	7	8	6	7	9
	9	8	7	8	9	8	8	9	9	8	7	9	9	9	9	N/A	9
Ц	7	7	8	9	7	9	7	7	5	7	4	9	9	8	9	7	8
Ц	8	7	7	8	8	8	8	9	7	8	7	8	8	8	8	8	8
Ц	9	8	8	9	7	8	8	7	7	8	5	8	8	8	8	8	8
Ц	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	7	9	8	6	9	9	9	9	7	7
Ц	8	9	9	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	5	7	7	8	9	8	9
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Ц	9	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	9	8	8	8	8	8	9
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Ц	9	4	4	8	7	8	9	7	9	7	7	8	9	8	8	N/A	9
Ц	8	N/A	N/A	9	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	9	N/A	9	8	N/A	N/A
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	9	N/A	N/A	7	8	8	7	8	6	8	5	9	9	9	9	N/A	9
	8	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	8	7	8	7	8	9	7	8
	7	7	8	8	8	9	8	9	8	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	9



	Relative		GDUs 50%	GDUs to Black	Organic (OR) Conventional (CV) High Oil (HO) Red Tail	Irrigated/ Productive	Average/ Variable	Less Productive/ Stress	Heavy Soils with Poor	Seedling	Plant	Ear Height	Ear	Cob	Stalk	Root
Hybrid	Maturity	Trait	Silking	Layer	(RT)	Soil	Soil	Prone Soil	Drainage	Vigor	Height	M. P	Flex	Color	Strength	Strength
RT 27T11	77	GT CD II	1132	2100	RT	8	9	8	8	8	MedTall	Medium Mad High	7	Red	8	7
RT 35T12	85	GT, CB, LL	1180	2150	RT	8	9	7	8	8	MedTall	MedHigh	7	Pink	8	8
RT 37T11 RT 38T86	87 88	GT Agrisure®	1180 1220	2190 2260	RT RT	9	9	8 9	9	9	MedTall MedTall	Medium Medium	7	Red Red	9	9 8
RT 38T89	88	Above Duracade®	1220	2260	RT	9	9	9	9	9	MedTall	Medium	7	Red	9	8
RT 41T14	91	Agrisure Viptera® 3110	1210	2350	RT	9	9	9	9	9	MedTall	MedHigh	8	Red	9	7
RT 43T48	93	Viptora® Viptera®	1210	2320	RT	9	8	7	9	8	MedTall	Medium	9	Pink	8	8
RT 43T49	93	Duracade Viptera™	1210	2320	RT	9	8	7	9	8	MedTall	Medium	9	Pink	8	8
RT 45T04	95	Agrisure Viptera® 3110	1250	2310	RT	9	9	8	8	9	Tall	MedHigh	5	Red	8	7
RT 45T09	95	Duracade Viptera™	1250	2310	RT	9	9	8	8	9	Tall	MedHigh	5	Red	8	7
RT 49T61	99	GT	1250	2307	RT	8	8	7	8	8	MedTall	Medium	7	Light Red	7	7
RT 49T62	99	GT, CB, LL	1250	2307	RT	8	8	7	8	8	MedTall	Medium	7	Light Red	7	7
RT 51T51	101	GT	1335	2460	RT	9	9	8	9	9	MedTall	MedHigh	8	Light Red	8	9
RT 51T86	101	Power Core	1200	2290	RT	9	9	9	8	8	Tall	Medium	8	Pink	9	8
RT 53T44	103	Agrisure Viptera® 3110	1250	2390	RT	9	9	9	8	9	Tall	MedHigh	8	Pink	9	9
RT 53T49	103	Duracade Viptera™	1250	2390	RT	9	9	9	8	9	Tall	MedHigh	8	Pink	9	9
RT 54T11	104	GT	1390	2575	RT	9	9	9	9	8	Tall	Medium	9	Pink	8	8
RT 54T14	104	Agrisure Viptera® 3110	1390	2575	RT	9	9	9	9	8	Tall	Medium	9	Pink	8	8
RT 54T96	104	Power Core	1250	2550	RT	9	8	8	8	8	MedTall	Medium	8	Red	9	8
RT 55T71	105	GT	1320	2430	RT	9	8	8	8	8	MedTall	Medium	9	Red	9	8
RT 55T76	105	Agrisure® Above	1320	2430	RT	9	8	8	8	8	MedTall	Medium	9	Red	9	8
RT 55T79	105	Duracade®	1320	2430	RT	9	8	8	8	8	MedTall	Medium	9	Red	9	8
RT 57T81	107	GT	1375	2570	RT	9	9	9	7	9	Tall	Medium	9	Red	8	9
RT 58T46	108	Agrisure® Above	1315	2630	RT	8	8	8	8	8	MedTall	Medium	8	Red	8	8
RT 61T96	111	Agrisure® Above	1380	2400	RT	9	8	8	8	8	MedTall	Medium	7	Red	8	8
RT 61T99	111	Duracade®	1380	2400	RT	9	8	8	8	8	MedTall	Medium	7	Red	8	8
RT 64T36	114	Agrisure® Above	1365	2602	RT	9	9	8	8	7	MedTall	MedHigh	8	Red	9	8
RT 64T39	114	Duracade®	1365	2602	RT	9	9	8	8	7	MedTall	MedHigh	8	Red	9	8
RT 65T06	115	Agrisure® Above	1435	2630	RT	9	9	8	8	9	MedTall	MedHigh	7	Pink	8	8
RT 67T21	117	GT	1480	2700	RT	9	9	9	8	8	Tall	MedHigh	9	Light Red	8	7
RT 68T88	118	Viptera®	1370	2910	RT	8	8	8	8	9	Tall	MedHigh	9	White	8	7
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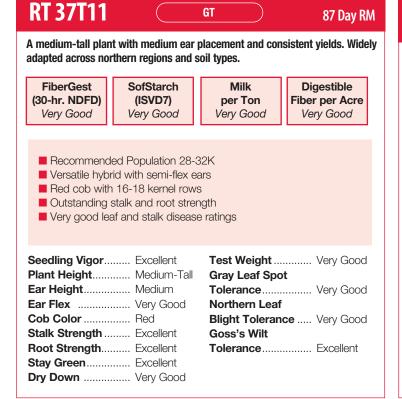
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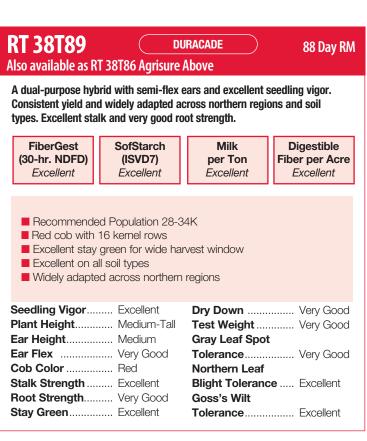
Stay	Dry	Test	High Population	Continuous	Drought	Gray Leaf Spot	Northern Leaf Blight	Goss's Wilt	Common Rust		FiberGest (30-hr.	SofStarch	Milk per	Digestible Fiber Per	Hand	Fungicide
Green	Down	Weight	Tolerance	Corn	Tolerance	Tolerance	Tolerance	Tolerance	Tolerance	Tar Spot	NDFD)	(IVSD7)	Ton	Acre	Husking	Response
8	9	5	9	7	8	6	8	7	7	7	7	8	7	7	8	8
7	7	7	8	8	8	8	7	5	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8
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7	7	8	8	8	9	8	9	8	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	9



**KF 27T11** GT 77 Day RM This impressive short season hybrid is a medium-tall robust corn with very good stalk and root strength and very good Tar Spot tolerance. **FiberGest** Digestible SofStarch Milk (30-hr. NDFD) per Ton Fiber per Acre (ISVD7) Very Good Very Good Very Good Very Good ■ Recommended Population 27-32K ■ Red cob with 16-18 kernel rows Excellent dry down ■ Very good response to fungicide application Seedling Vigor...... Very Good Dry Down ..... Excellent Plant Height..... Medium-Tall Test Weight..... Good Ear Height..... Medium **Gray Leaf Spot** Ear Flex ...... Very Good Tolerance......Good Cob Color..... Red **Northern Leaf** Stalk Strength..... Very Good Blight Tolerance..... Very Good Root Strength..... Very Good Goss's Wilt Stay Green..... Very Good Tolerance..... Very Good

#### RT 35T12 GT. CB. LL 85 Day RM Big plant, high yielding, very good stay green, dual-purpose grain or silage hybrid, excellent corn-on-corn option. FiberGest SofStarch Milk Digestible (30-hr. NDFD) (ISVD7) per Ton Fiber per Acre Verv Good Verv Good Verv Good Verv Good ■ Recommended Population 30-34K ■ Great for continuous corn rotation ■ Excellent in medium soils. ■ Great high population tolerance ■ Workhorse suited for most rotations ■ Very good stay green for wide harvest window Seedling Vigor...... Very Good Dry Down ...... Very Good Plant Height..... Medium-Tall Test Weight ...... Very Good Ear Height..... Medium-High **Gray Leaf Spot** Ear Flex ..... Very Good Tolerance..... Very Good Cob Color ..... Pink Northern Leaf Blight Tolerance ..... Very Good Stalk Strength ...... Very Good Root Strength...... Very Good Goss's Wilt Stay Green..... Very Good Tolerance..... Good







RT 41T14

**AGRISURE VIPTERA 3110** 

91 Day RM

A medium-tall plant with medium-high ear placement and consistent yield, widely adapted across northern regions and soil types.

**FiberGest** (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good

SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good

Milk per Ton Very Good

Digestible Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 27-36K
- Dual-purpose with semi-flex ears
- Red cob; 18 kernel rows
- Wide population adaption
- Excellent leaf/stalk disease ratings

Seedling Vigor..... Excellent Plant Height..... Medium-Tall Ear Height..... Medium-High Ear Flex ..... Very Good Cob Color ..... Red Stalk Strength ...... Excellent Root Strength...... Very Good Stay Green..... Very Good

Dry Down ...... Very Good Test Weight ..... Very Good **Gray Leaf Spot** Tolerance...... Very Good Northern Leaf Blight Tolerance ..... Excellent Goss's Wilt Tolerance..... Excellent

### RT 43T49

**DURACADEVIPTERA** 

93 Day RM

Also available as RT 43T48 Viptera

A medium-tall plant with medium ear placement, widely adapted across northern regions and soil types.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good

SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good

Milk per Ton Very Good

Digestible Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 28-32K
- Dual purpose with flex ears
- Pink cob; 18-20 kernel rows
- Widely adapted to soil types
- Very good leaf/stalk disease ratings

Seedling Vigor...... Very Good Plant Height..... Medium-Tall Ear Height..... Medium Ear Flex ..... Excellent Cob Color ..... Pink Stalk Strength ...... Very Good Root Strength..... Very Good Stay Green..... Very Good

Dry Down ...... Very Good Test Weight ..... Very Good **Gray Leaf** Spot Tolerance ...... Very Good **Northern Leaf** 

Blight Tolerance ..... Excellent Goss's Wilt

Tolerance...... Very Good

### RT 45T09

DURACADEVIPTERA

95 Day RM

Also available as RT 45T04 Agrisure Viptera 3110

A high-yielding, dual-purpose hybrid with excellent eye appeal, tall plant with medium-high ear placement.

**FiberGest** (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good

SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good

Milk per Ton Excellent

Digestible Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 30-34K
- Dual purpose with semi-flex ears
- Red cob: 18-20 kernel rows
- Excellent in cold/no-till soils
- Excellent eye appeal

Seedling Vigor Excellent	Dry Down Excellent
Plant Height Tall	Test Weight Very Good
Ear Height Medium-High	Gray Leaf Spot
Ear Flex Good	Tolerance Very Good
Cob Color Red	Northern Leaf
Stalk Strength Very Good	Blight Tolerance Very Good
Root Strength Very Good	Goss's Wilt
Stay Green Very Good	Tolerance Excellent

### RT 49T62

GT, CB, LL

99 Day RM

Also available as RT 49T61 GT

High yield with flex ears and impressive grain quality, outstanding silage hybrid for quantity and quality.

**FiberGest** (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good

SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good

Milk per Ton Very Good

Digestible Fiber per Acre Very Good

- Recommended Population 26-30K
- Excellent seed emergence and vigor
- Consistent yield with top end potential
- Excellent eye appeal
- Very good drought tolerance

Seedling Vigor	Excellent
Plant Height	Medium-Ta
Ear Height	Medium
Ear Flex	Very Good
Cob Color	Light Red
Stalk Strength	Very Good
Root Strength	Very Good
Stay Green	Good

Dry Down ...... Very Good Test Weight ...... Very Good Grav Leaf Spot Tolerance..... Very Good Northern Leaf Blight Tolerance ..... Very Good Goss's Wilt

Tolerance...... Very Good



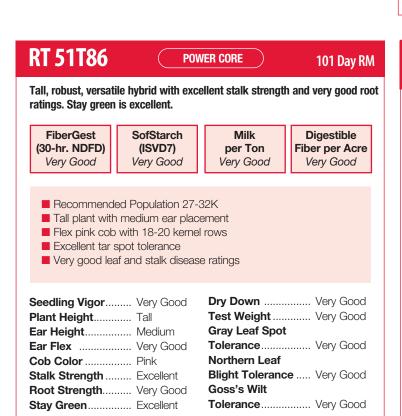
KingFisher and Red Tail corn has produced Grand Champion forage nearly every year in the past 6 years at the Forage Analysis Superbowl. The consistent performance of our corns can bring you consistent success.

#### **RT 51T51** GT 101 Day RM Medium-tall robust plant with great silage appeal and a wide range of adaptability in multiple regions. The pedigree behind this hybrid brings time-tested consistency with new era yield for silage and grain. **FiberGest** SofStarch Milk **Digestible** (30-hr. NDFD) (ISVD7) per Ton Fiber per Acre Very Good Very Good Very Good Excellent ■ Recommended Population 30-34K ■ Very good dual purpose for silage and grain ■ Keep pops on higher end for top yield ■ Very good tolerance to stalk and leaf diseases ■ Strong performance between I-90 and I-70; can move south as an early hybrid ■ Use caution applying Capreno, Sharpen, Status, or Corvus herbicides while hybrid is under environmental stress; grain yields may be reduced Seedling Vigor...... Very Good Dry Down ...... Very Good Plant Height..... Medium-Tall Test Weight ...... Very Good Ear Height..... Medium-High **Gray Leaf** Ear Flex ..... Very Good Spot Tolerance ...... Very Good Cob Color ..... Pink Northern Leaf Blight Tolerance ..... Very Good Stalk Strength ...... Very Good

Root Strength...... Very Good

Stay Green..... Very Good

Stay Green..... Very Good



RT 53T49 Also available as I	DURART 53T44 Agrisure	CADEVIPTERA Viptera 3110	103 Day RM
A tall hybrid with medium-high ear placement. Top end yield potential and excellent dry down.    FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD)			
<ul> <li>Recommended Population 26-38K</li> <li>Excellent late season intactness</li> <li>Semi-flex pink cob with 16-18 kernel rows</li> <li>Excellent test weight</li> <li>Very good leaf and stalk disease ratings</li> </ul>			
Seedling Vigor Plant Height Ear Height Ear Flex Cob Color Stalk Strength	Tall Medium-High Very Good Pink Excellent		Excellent t Very Good

Goss's Wilt

Tolerance...... Very Good

Tolerance..... Excellent



### RT 54T14

**AGRISURE VIPTERA 3110** 

104 Day RM

#### Also available as RT 54T11 GT

Excellent performance across varied environments. Dual-purpose hybrid with high grain and silage yields. Very good disease ratings. A flex hybrid that works on a wide range of populations.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Excellent SofStarch (ISVD7) Excellent

Milk per Ton Excellent Digestible Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 28-32K
- Very good dual-purpose hybrid
- High yields of silage and grain across varied soils
- Broadly adapted with outstanding agronomics
- Consistent high yields across the Midwest and South
- Very good seedling vigor

Seedling Vigor	Very Good
Plant Height	Tall
Ear Height	Medium
Ear Flex	Excellent
Cob Color	Pink
Stalk Strength	Very Good
Root Strength	Very Good
Stay Green	Very Good

Dry Down	Very Good
Test Weight	Very Good
Gray Leaf Spot	
Tolerance	Very Good
Northern Leaf	
Blight Tolerance	Very Good
Goss's Wilt	
Tolerance	Very Good

#### **RT 54T96**

**POWER CORE** 

104 Day RM

Medium-tall healthy plant with excellent flex. Widely adapted across all environments.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good Milk per Ton Very Good Digestible Fiber per Acre Very Good

- Recommended Population 27-32K
- Excellent stalk strength and stay green
- Versatile hybrid that lends itself more to fed-grain
- Excellent test weight
- Excellent leaf and stalk disease ratings
- Very good tar spot tolerance

Seedling Vigor	Very Good
Plant Height	Medium-Tall
Ear Height	Medium
Ear Flex	Very Good
Cob Color	Red
Stalk Strength	Excellent
Root Strength	Very Good
Stay Green	Excellent

Dry Down	Excellent
Test Weight	Excellent
Gray Leaf Spot	
Tolerance	Excellent
Northern Leaf	
Blight Tolerance	Excellent
Goss's Wilt	

### Tolerance..... Excellent

#### **RT 55T79**

DURACADE

**105 Day RM** 

#### Also available as RT 55T76 Agrisure Above and RT 55T71 GT

A versatile medium-tall robust plant with excellent flex. Widely adapted with very good stress tolerance across all environments.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good Milk per Ton Very Good Digestible Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 27-32K
- Excellent stalk and stay green
- Excellent fungicide response
- Good leaf and stalk disease ratings
- Average tar spot tolerance

Seedling Vigor	Very Good
Plant Height	Medium-Ta
Ear Height	Medium
Ear Flex	Excellent
Cob Color	Red
Stalk Strength	Excellent
Root Strength	Very Good
Stay Green	Excellent
Dry Down	Verv Good

Test Weight ....... Very Good Gray Leaf Spot Tolerance..... Good Northern Leaf

Blight Tolerance ..... Very Good Goss's Wilt

Tolerance...... Good

**RT 57T81** 

GT

107 Day RM

A robust plant with excellent silage and grain ratings. Excellent eye appeal across the corn belt, dark green canopy type leaves with a robust stalk, excellent roots and late season standability. Wide regional adaptation with consistent yields in silage and grain.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good SofStarch (ISVD7) Excellent Milk per Ton Very Good Digestible Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 30-36K
- High silage yields
- Slower grain dry down due to plant health within maturity range
- Manage populations to management practices and soil conditions
- Very good response to fungicide application

Seedling Vigor Plant Height	,	Dry Down Test Weight	•
Ear Height	Medium-High	Gray Leaf Spot	
Ear Flex	Very Good	Tolerance	Very Good
Cob Color	Pink	Northern Leaf	
Stalk Strength	Excellent	Blight Tolerance	Excellent
Root Strength	Excellent	Goss's Wilt	
Stay Green	Excellent	Tolerance	Excellent



### **RT 58T46**

AGRISURE ABOVE

108 Day RM

A versatile medium-tall robust plant with very good flex. Widely adapted with very good stress tolerance across all environments.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good Milk per Ton Very Good Digestible Fiber per Acre Very Good

- Recommended Population 27-32K
- Excellent stalk and stay green
- Excellent fungicide response
- Very Good leaf and stalk disease ratings
- Average tar spot tolerance

Seedling VigorVery GoodPlant HeightMedium-TallEar HeightMediumEar FlexVery GoodCob ColorRedStalk StrengthVery GoodRoot StrengthVery GoodStay GreenVery Good

Dry Down ....... Excellent
Test Weight ...... Very Good
Gray Leaf Spot
Tolerance ..... Excellent
Northern Leaf
Blight Tolerance ..... Very Good
Goss's Wilt
Tolerance ..... Very Good

"KingFisher and Red Tail silage corn is the best corn I have ever grown. The stalk flex is amazing—huge stalk diameter. I see my neighbor's corn, and it's tall and skinny. I'm sure their corn will yield ok, but they'll never have the digestibility I do. And digestibility is the key for my cows." –Jenson Family Farms, Wisconsin

#### **RT 61T99**

DURACADE

111 Day RM

#### Also available as RT 61T96 Agrisure Above

Medium-tall plant with good flex and widely adapted across all environments. Versatile hybrid with very good feed quality.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good Milk per Ton Very Good Digestible Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 27-32K
- Very good stalk and root with excellent stay green
- Good kernel depth with a red cob
- Very good leaf and stalk disease ratings
- Very good tar spot tolerance

Seedling Vigor	Very Good
Plant Height	Medium-Tal
Ear Height	Medium
Ear Flex	Very Good
Cob Color	Red
Stalk Strength	Very Good
Root Strength	Very Good
Stay Green	Excellent

Dry Down ...... Excellent
Test Weight ..... Excellent
Gray Leaf Spot
Tolerance ..... Excellent
Northern Leaf
Blight Tolerance .... Very Good

Goss's Wilt
Tolerance..... Excellent

RT 64T39

**DURACADE** 

114 Dav RM

Also available as RT 64T36 Agrisure Above

A high-yielding dual-purpose hybrid with excellent eye appeal and very good ear flex. Medium-tall plant with medium-high ear placement.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Excellent SofStarch (ISVD7) Excellent Milk per Ton Excellent Digestible Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 30-34K
- Red cob with 14-16 kernel rows
- Place on better soils with good management
- Excellent Gray Leaf and rust tolerance

Seedling Vigor...... Very Good
Plant Height...... Medium-Tall
Ear Height...... Medium-High
Ear Flex ...... Very Good
Cob Color ..... Red
Stalk Strength .... Excellent
Root Strength.... Very Good
Stay Green .... Excellent



### **RT 65T06**

**AGRISURE ABOVE** 

**115 Day RM** 

Consistent, medium-tall, robust, mid- to full-season corn with very good silage appeal, at home between I-80 and I-70 and in the I-24 corridors in the Midwest and throughout the eastern states.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good Milk per Ton Very Good Digestible Fiber per Acre Very Good

- Recommended Population 32-36K
- Keep populations on higher side for best yields
- Excellent performer in productive to average soil conditions
- Excellent emergence in cold/no till soils
- Very good stay green for longer harvest window
- Moves north very well as a full season hybrid; not recommended for deep South

Seedling Vigor Excellent	Dry Down Very Good
Plant Height Medium-Tall	Test Weight Very Good
Ear Height Medium-High	Gray Leaf Spot
Ear Flex Very Good	Tolerance Very Good
Cob Color Pink	Northern Leaf
Stalk Strength Very Good	Blight Tolerance Very Good
Root Strength Very Good	Goss's Wilt
Stay Green Very Good	Tolerance Very Good

## RT 67T21

GI

117 Day RM

Consistent high yields, excellent agronomics, very good disease ratings, broadly adapted regions.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good Milk per Ton Very Good Digestible Fiber per Acre Excellent

- Recommended Population 28-34K
- Very good dual-purpose hybrid
- Broadly adapted with outstanding agronomics
- Consistent high yields across the Midwest and South

Seedling Vigor	Excellent
Plant Height	Tall
Ear Height	Medium-Hig
Ear Flex	Excellent
Cob Color	Light Red
Stalk Strength	Very Good
Root Strength	Very Good
Stay Green	Very Good

	Dry Down	Very	Good
	Test Weight	Very	Good
1	Gray Leaf Spot		
	Tolerance	Very	Good
	Northern Leaf		
	Blight Tolerance	Very	Good
	Goss's Wilt		
	Tolerance	Very	Good

### **RT 68T89**

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118 Day RM

#### Also available as RT 68T88 Viptera

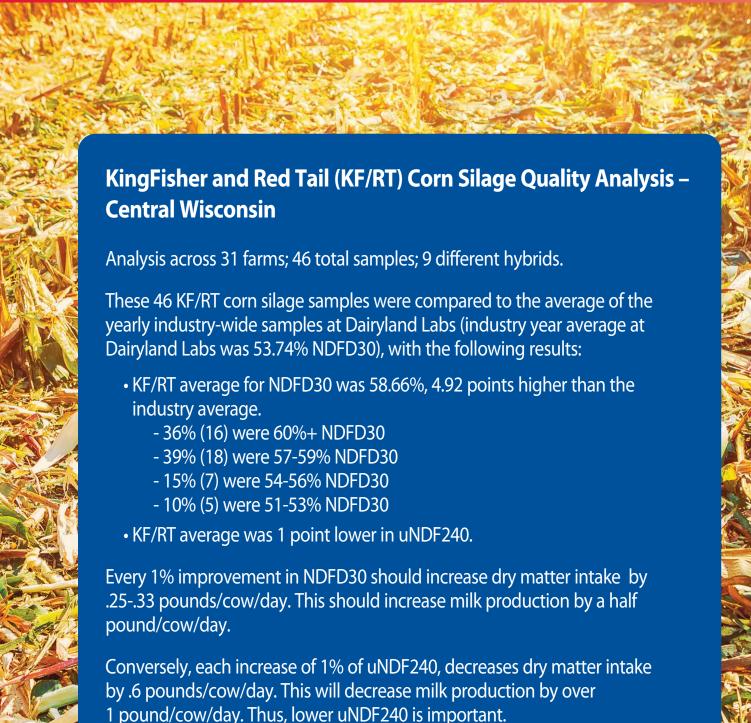
A tall robust hybrid with excellent emergence and seedling vigor: broadly adapted to regions.

FiberGest (30-hr. NDFD) Very Good SofStarch (ISVD7) Very Good Milk per Ton Very Good

- Recommended Population 28-32K
- Wide range of soil adaption
- Solid white cob with 14-16 kernel rows
- Strong performance in north and south of zone

Seedling Vigor Excellent Plant Height Tall	Dry Down Very Good Test Weight Very Good
Ear Height Medium-High	Gray Leaf Spot
Ear Flex Excellent	Tolerance Very Good
Cob Color White	Northern Leaf
Stalk Strength Very Good	Blight Tolerance Excellent
Root Strength Very Good	Goss's Wilt
Stay Green Very Good	Tolerance Very Good













The DuracadeViptera™ trait stack (formerly 5222 EZ) is the industry's most comprehensive solution for proactively protecting yield potential and field health, featuring multiple modes of action to control 16 key insects—more than any competitive trait stack—including a unique mode of action that demonstrates strong performance against corn rootworm, and the convenience of an integrated E-Z Refuge® seed blend. **Pests controlled:** European corn borer, southwestern corn borer, corn earworm, western bean cutworm, black cutworm, dingy cutworm, fall armyworm, true armyworm, beet armyworm, common stalk borer, southern cornstalk borer, lesser cornstalk borer, sugarcane borer, western corn rootworm, northern corn rootworm, and Mexican corn rootworm.







The Duracade® trait stack (formerly 5122 EZ) offers season-long control of corn rootworm and corn borer, as well as suppression of ear-feeding insects, and includes a unique mode of action that demonstrates strong performance against corn rootworm, with an integrated E-Z Refuge® seed blend. **Pests controlled:** European corn borer, southwestern corn borer, black cutworm, beet armyworm, southern cornstalk borer, lesser cornstalk borer, sugarcane borer, western corn rootworm, northern corn rootworm and Mexican corn rootworm. Pests suppressed: Corn earworm, western bean cutworm, fall armyworm and common stalk borer.







The Viptera® trait stack (formerly 3220 EZ) offers the most comprehensive above-ground insect control with multiple modes of action against key above-ground insects and the convenience of an integrated E-Z Refuge® seed blend. It is ideal for areas where corn rootworm management is not a primary concern. **Pests controlled:** European corn borer, southwestern corn borer, corn earworm, western bean cutworm, black cutworm, dingy cutworm, fall armyworm, true armyworm, beet armyworm, common stalk borer, southern cornstalk borer, lesser cornstalk borer and sugarcane borer.







The Agrisure® Above trait stack (formerly 3120 EZ) offers the convenience of an integrated E-Z Refuge® seed blend plus multiple modes of action against corn borer, as well as suppression of ear-feeding insects. **Pests controlled:** European corn borer, southwestern corn borer, black cutworm, southern cornstalk borer, lesser cornstalk borer and sugarcane borer. Pests suppressed: Corn earworm, western bean cutworm, fall armyworm and common stalk borer.







The Agrisure® Total trait stack (formerly 3122 EZ) offers the convenience of an integrated E-Z Refuge® seed blend with multiple modes of action against corn borer and corn rootworm, as well as suppression of ear-feeding insects. **Pests controlled:** European corn borer, southwestern corn borer, black cutworm, southern cornstalk borer, lesser cornstalk borer, sugarcane borer, western corn rootworm, northern corn rootworm and Mexican corn rootworm. Pests suppressed: Corn earworm, western bean cutworm, fall armyworm and common stalk borer.





The Agrisure Viptera® 3110 trait stack offers season-long comprehensive above-ground insect control. It is ideal for areas where corn rootworm management is not a key focus. **Pests controlled:** European corn borer, southwestern corn borer, corn earworm, western bean cutworm, black cutworm, dingy cutworm, fall armyworm, true armyworm, beet armyworm, common stalk borer, southern cornstalk borer, lesser cornstalk borer and sugarcane borer.

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The Agrisure® GT trait provides tolerance to in-crop applications of glyphosate-based herbicides. This hybrid is an excellent option for refuge acres in a structured refuge operation.



PowerCore® Enlist® corn is a comprehensive trait package for above-ground pests and weed management. PowerCore Enlist corn features three modes of action against above-ground insect pests for broad-spectrum and long-lasting control. The primary pest controlled are black cutworm, European corn borer, fall army worm, and southwestern corn borer. Tolerance to multiple herbicides – including glyphosate, glufosinate, 2,4-D choline, and FOPS – gives you the flexibility in herbicide choice and management practices to help maximize yield.



Seed products with the LibertyLink® (LL) trait are resistant to the herbicide glufosinate ammonium, an alternative to glyphosate in corn, and combine high-yielding genetics with the powerful, non-selective, post-emergent weed control of Liberty® herbicide for optimum yield and excellent weed control LibertyLink®, Liberty® and the Water Droplet logo are registered trademarks of BASF.





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Before opening a bag of seed, be sure to read and understand the stewardship requirements, including applicable refuge requirements for insect resistance management, for the biotechnology traits expressed in the seed set forth in the technology agreement that you sign. By opening and using a bag of seed, you are reaffirming your obligation to comply with those stewardship requirements.

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# ALFALFA

Alfalfa is a legume that can fix most of its own nitrogen, is deep-rooted to give drought tolerance, and yields well during the hotter part of the summer. On many farms today, alfalfa stands are only in production for three to four years. Byron Seeds selects only the highest-performing varieties for maximum yields throughout the life span of the stand.

The low-lignin industry alfalfas are good quality but they have a drag on yield. Our KingFisher alfalfas are not only excellent in quality, but they actually *increase* yield. KingFisher alfalfas have improved fiber digestibility on farms across the country. KingFisher alfalfas and alfalfa/grass mixes also have produced award-winning yields of high-quality forages that have garnered many honors and championships in the rigorous, unbiased World Dairy Expo Forage Analysis Superbowl.

#### Management

Many modern varieties can handle 28-day cutting schedules, and some elite varieties need that type of management to perform their best. One very critical aspect of alfalfa management is knowing when to take the last cutting in the fall. Alfalfa needs five

weeks of growth before a killing frost (25°F). In some areas, another cutting can be taken after frost when the alfalfa is dormant.

Higher fall dormancy numbers in alfalfa indicate early spring and late fall growth, thus increased yield. For winter survival, the lower the winter survival number, the more winter-hardy the variety.

#### Establishment

Alfalfa can be planted in the spring or late summer, but we advise late summer when possible. If spring sown, a nurse crop of grass or small grain is advisable to maximize the tonnage in the seeding year. We usually advise seeding grass with alfalfa to increase tonnage and produce a better quality feed for the life of the stand.

Good ratios of sulfur, boron, and phosphorus as well as a pH above 6.5 are critical for alfalfa. Nitrogen is key for good grass yields.

Alfalfa exhibits autotoxicity, which means established plants (older than 6 months) give off compounds that prevent new alfalfa seedlings from establishing.



## KingFisher alfalfas are available with a SureStand conventional coating or a SureStand coating approved for organic.









KingFisher SynergyX alfalfas are intelligent alfalfa blends designed to increase yield, reduce risk, and extend life through the varying root systems and the synergistic teamwork of the high-performing alfalfa varieties that compose the blends.

Each of our four SynergyX blends has a unique place and focus:

• KF SynergyX Blaze HD<sup>2</sup> – focused on highest quality and highest disease resistance for best soils

- KF SynergyX Ignite—focused for very high yields
- KF SynergyX Fortress—focused on rugged, high-traffic tolerance with a sunken crown component
- KF SynergyX Hydro-Power—focused for lower, wetter soils with a red clover component.

Because of the unique strengths they bring to the farmer, KingFisher SynergyX alfalfa blends have exploded across the Midwest! Don't miss out on their powerful advantages.

#### KF SynergyX Blaze HD<sup>2</sup> **ZONES: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6** ■ Blaze is a blend of high-**Disease Resistance** 30-35 performing alfalfas naturally **Dormancy** 4.5 bred for reduced crosslinking with lignin and lower UNDF240. **Winter Survival** 1.8 ■ Blaze brings strong disease resistance (APH2) and increased **Forage Quality** Excellent NDFD30 and protein digestion. **Leaf to Stem** Excellent **Persistence** \*\*\*\*

KF SynergyX Ignite	ZONES:	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Ignite is a combination of high- performing alfalfas with superior quality, disease resistance, and varying root systems for the best alfalfa managers.	Disease Resistar	<b>ice</b> 30-35
	Dormancy	4.5
	Winter Survival	1.8
This mix has very high yield potential while having reduced crosslinking with lignin.	Forage Quality	Excellent
	<b>Leaf to Stem</b>	Excellent
	Persistence	****
King Fisher 100% REPLANT		

KF SynergyX Fortress	ZONES: 1	, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Fortress is a blend of rugged, high-traffic-tolerant alfalfas.	Disease Resistance	30-35
■ This mix includes sunken crown, branch root, creeping, and APH2 resistant alfalfas.	Dormancy	4.5
	Winter Survival	1.8
	Forage Quality	Excellent
	Leaf to Stem	Excellent
	Persistence	****
KingFisher 100% REPLANT		

KF SynergyX Hydro-Po	wer zone	S: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
■ Hydro-Power is a combination of	Disease Resistar	<b>1ce</b> 30-35
stress-tolerant alfalfas that handle variable soil types and will make award-winning dry hay, baleage, or haylage.	Dormancy	4.0
	<b>Winter Survival</b>	2.0
It also has a persistent red clover component that will increase the yields and the fiber digestibility of this strategic mix.	Forage Quality	Excellent
	<b>Leaf to Stem</b>	Excellent
	Persistence	****
KingFisher 100% REPLANT		

30 out of 30 is the highest resistance rating. 35 ratings indicate resistance to APH2. Higher fall dormancy numbers indicate early spring and late fall growth. The lower the winter survival number, the more winter-hardy the variety. More asterisks means better persistence.

## How Does SynergyX Empower Yield?

The strength of our KingFisher SynergyX alfalfa blends is the power of synergy—mutually advantageous combined action. Instead of competing, the varieties in the SynergyX blends work together with their strengths to produce yield and longevity above what each individual variety could do by itself.

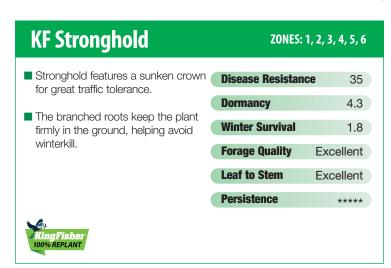
The varying root systems of SynergyX blends consistently feed the plants for better resilience in extreme weather patterns. SynergyX alfalfas fill a greater portion of the soil profile with roots, producing more root exudates for better soil health. This translates into better yield and persistence for the stand.

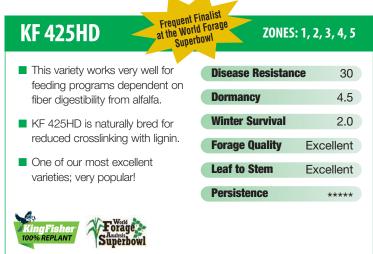
Most fields have a variety of high and low spots as well as soil types. Each variety in a SynergyX blend performs best in different areas. When planted in a field, these differences work together to bring a consistency in the yield across the field. Raising the yields of the poor spots in your field and bringing greater consistency to every square foot is probably the biggest way our SynergyX alfalfas bring more yield to your farm.

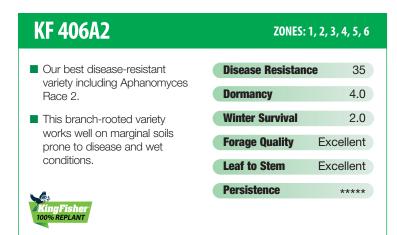


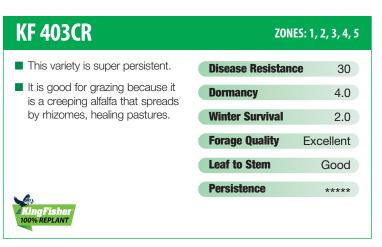


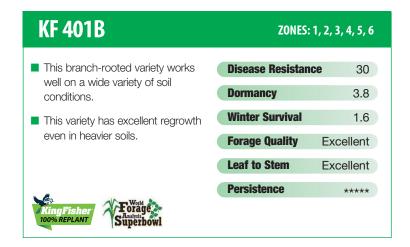
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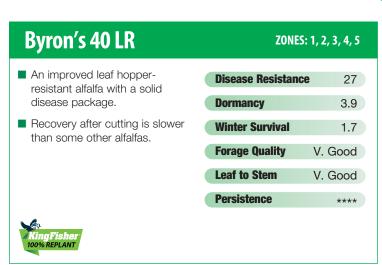






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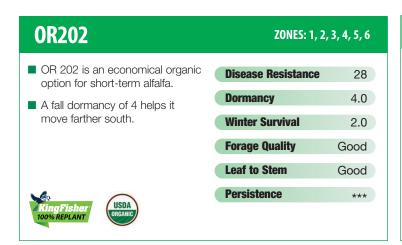
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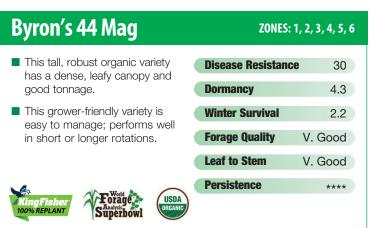


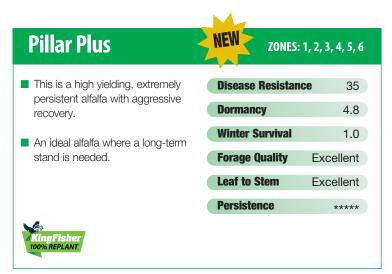
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KF 409A2	NEW	ZONES: 1,	2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Our best disease-resistant variety including Aphanomyces Race 2.		Disease Resistance	35
		Dormancy	4.0
This branch-rooted variety works well on marginal soils prone to disease and wet conditions.		<b>Winter Survival</b>	2.0
	ls	Forage Quality	Excellent
		Leaf to Stem	Excellent
		Persistence	****
King Fisher 100% REPLANT			



"We need the best alfalfa available to survive our Wisconsin winters, since freeze out and heaving can be a big issue. The SynergyX alfalfa blends survive the winters better than other alfalfas and are noticeably greener in the spring." -Matthew Witmer, Wisconsin









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We are offering to help you succeed with powerful alfalfa solutions. We bring many benefits for your success:

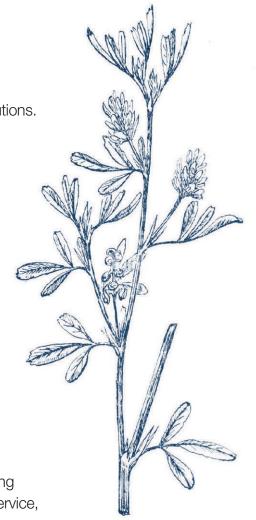
- A family-owned company that was founded on alfalfa
- 29 years of alfalfa research and management expertise
- An award-winning alfalfa portfolio that brings added value
- A systems-approach to alfalfa management
- Support in producing and feeding alfalfa
- 100% replant policy on all premium forages

Don't miss out on our powerful alfalfa solutions.

## The plan forward is clear.

- 1. Contact your local Byron Seeds Forage Specialist to schedule a free consultation.
- 2. Choose the alfalfa solution that fits your goals.
- 3. Manage successful alfalfa production year after year.

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## SURESTAND HYDRO SEED COATING

### How SureStand Hydro Works

SureStand Hydro is a proprietary mix of minerals, special compounds, rhizobia bacteria and beneficial soil microbes designed for any type of legume seed. It is bonded to each seed in a dense, durable, protective coating that ensures survivability and stimulates vigorous growth in young seedlings by absorbing water from the soil and providing beneficial nitrogen-fixing bacteria.

## About Myco Seed Treatment

SureStand contains Myco Seed Treatment (MST), a proprietary organic microbial seed treatment package designed to stimulate healthy growth in legumes when conditions are less than ideal and increase performance in ideal conditions. MST includes free-living and symbiotic bacteria, fungi, actinomycetes, algae and mycorrhizal fungi. Once the seed is planted, the microbes start to grow and multiply.

## Byron Seeds field trials have shown that SureStand Hydro ensures:

- Nodulation
- More plants per pound of seed
- Improved seed emergence
- Seed survivability of 50% or greater
- More uniform stands
- Superior performance over uncoated seeds
- Potentially higher yields
- Easier handling and even distribution

	→ 3 WEEKS AFTER PLANTING →		FALL -		
SEED	SEEDING RATE LBS/ACRE	PLANTS/SQ. FT.	% SEED TO PLANT	PLANTS/SQ. FT.	% SEED TO PLANT
Uncoated	15	29.9	40.4	24.2	32.7
Coated	15	40.2	85.5	29.3	62.3
Uncoated	20	39.3	40.1	29.4	30.0
Coated	20	45.2	71.7	29.8	47.3





# **C**LOVERS

### RED CLOVER

#### Description

Red clover is a legume that is widely grown throughout the United States as a hay or forage crop. Red clover does better than alfalfa in areas with low soil pH or fertility and poor soil drainage. Improved red clovers are fast-starting, highly productive and more persistent than older common types. Improved red clovers will persist between 3 and 4 years.

Red clovers can be used in haying or grazing systems. In sideby-side trials, red clovers have had higher RFQs (more digestibility) than alfalfa in fermented or dried forages and approximately twice the level of bypass protein.

#### Management

Red clover production during the second year is generally higher than during the first or third years. The weather influences red clover growth much more than deeper-rooted alfalfa.

If summer rainfall is good, clover may be cut about every 35 to 40 days. Growth should be removed after "freezedown." Leaving the growth on a field during fall and winter can kill the stand. Red clover stands that are one year old or older should be cut three or four times in a season. Harvesting in drought conditions will also thin stands.

#### Establishment

Red clover can be sown by itself or in mixtures with small grains, sorghum-sudans, alfalfa, and/or cool-season grasses. Planting depth should be 0.25 to 0.50 inch. Red clover can also be established by frost seeding (broadcasting on frozen or snow-covered ground).

Red clover requires soil pH to be 6.0 or higher. Red clover is responsive to phosphorus and potassium. Apply to soil testing recommendations.



All clovers are available with a SureStand conventional coating or a SureStand coating approved for organic.

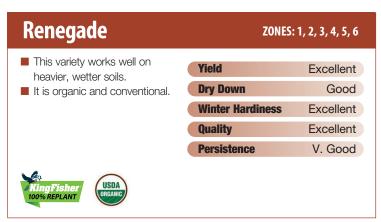
# RED CLOVER

The benefits of alfalfa are many and well known. However, modern improved varieties of red clover also bring benefits:

- Clover has better winter hardiness.
- Clover better tolerates "wet feet".
- Clover is not as dependent on high soil pH.
- Clover has higher bypass protein than alfalfa.

#### **Prairie Fire** NEW **ZONES: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6** ■ This is a persistent, high **Yield** Excellent yielding, double cut red clover V. Good **Dry Down** ■ Good compliment with alfalfa in a hay stand or can be **Winter Hardiness** Excellent planted with grasses. Quality Excellent **Persistence** Excellent

#### **KF Red Power Clover Blend ZONES: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Yield** Excellent ■ KF Red Power Clover Blend brings a synergistic effect to **Dry Down** V. Good enhance yield and reduce **Winter Hardiness** Excellent risk. ■ This blend combines the Quality Excellent best of our red clovers for a **Persistence** Excellent powerhouse forage.











# WHITE CLOVER

# Description

White or ladino clover is a long-lived perennial that spreads by creeping above ground stems or stolons that root at the nodes. It is a large-leafed clover, very high in protein, vitamins, and minerals. Addition of white clover to pastures will increase daily dry matter intake in livestock. Ladino clover is a good producer of high-quality feed and is utilized extensively as a soil-building crop. It is an excellent legume to use in combination with other legumes and grasses. Ladino also produces large amounts of nitrogen, which in turn feeds the grass sward within the pasture.

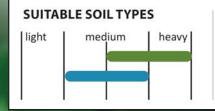
# Management

Ladino is primarily a pasture-type clover. Ladino clover planted with perennial grasses should be grazed or mowed frequently (2 or 3 times per summer) with the final mowing in late August. Fertilizer should be applied throughout the year. To manage the bloat risk associated with ladino clovers, manage your pasture swards with no more than a 10% stand of clover. Do not overgraze the grasses below 4 inches for this increases the clover concentration.

#### Establishment

White clover will thrive on soils with a pH of 5.5 or higher. Both white and ladino clover require adequate phosphorus and potassium for establishment, persistence and growth. White clover is especially responsive to cool, moist conditions. It grows best between 50°F and 85°F. Because of its shallow root system, it is not adapted to shallow, droughty soils.

Ladinos can be broadcasted, frost-seeded, or drilled into soil. Seed depth should not exceed 0.25 inch.



#### **SEEDING RATES**

Broadcasting 3-5 lbs/acre, drilled 1-3 lbs/acre

#### Kakariki White Clover **ZONES: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6** ■ This late maturing white clover has Yield Excellent very large leaves for high yields. Height Excellent The many stolons of this variety **Winter Hardiness** Excellent bring persistence even in heavy grazing situations. **Stolon Density** Excellent **Persistence** Excellent

# **KF Vigilant White Clover**

**ZONES: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6** 

- Because of its very stoloniferous and winter-hardy traits, this blend is very persistent in addition to being a high yielder.
- This is a blend of 2 of our best white clovers.

Yield	Excellent
Height	Excellent
<b>Winter Hardiness</b>	Excellent
<b>Stolon Density</b>	Excellent
Persistence	Excellent



# **Regal Graze White Clover**

**ZONES: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6** 

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- This is a ladino, large-leafed clover.
- It is rated as having the highest palatability of any white clover and has great recovery because it has been specially bred with Overgraze Protection.

Tielu	Excellent
Height	Excellent
<b>Winter Hardiness</b>	Excellent
<b>Stolon Density</b>	V. Good
Persistence	Excellent



# **Klondike**

**ZONES: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6** 

- This clover is a very persistent variety with large leaves.
- Klondike has good resistance to nematodes and clover rot.

Yiel	d	V. Good
Heig	jht	V. Good
Win	ter Hardiness	Excellent
Stol	on Density	Excellent
Pers	sistence	Excellent





# COOL-SEASON GRASSES

When we say, "Byron Seeds searches the world over for better grasses," here's what we mean. Byron Seeds works directly with several grass-breeding companies that get their base genetics from around the world. For example, our popular Kora tall fescue has its origins in our breeding program in Central Europe. The weather conditions in that area resulted in a variety that is very cold-tolerant and very drought-tolerant.

We also have products that were developed in Romania and even New Zealand. A few of our products were developed here in the US. But whereas US breeders have made leaps and bounds in breeding corn, soybeans, wheat and alfalfas, they haven't advanced cool-season grasses at the same pace.

Producers like you have no cause for worry because Byron Seeds has made the commitment to find, test, select, and bring to you, the best cool-season grass the world has to offer.

# Description

Cool-season grasses can be used in conjunction with other grasses and/or legumes in pasture applications or in conventional harvesting applications. These grasses typically have a higher caloric or energy value than legumes by themselves, so if planted with a legume, greater tonnage can be realized. Cool-season annuals and perennials work well together because the annuals come on faster, and the perennials, once established, have longevity and tonnage.

# Management

Avoiding overgrazing or clipping lower than 3 inches helps stand vigor and regrowth. Six to eight inches are needed for overwintering and also encourage more root development. Proper fertility is important to ensure stand establishment, expected forage tonnage and quality. Approximate nitrogen needs are 40 lbs. for establishment and another 50 to 80 lbs. for the total annual requirement. If grass is to be used in a crop rotation where conventional chemicals are used, be aware of the potential chemical residue as the grass could be killed or suppressed.

#### Establishment

Cool-season grasses can be planted as early as oats. Start with a soil test to determine the fertilizer and lime requirements. Plant at a depth of 0.25 to 0.375 inch (or a depth no more than five times the diameter of the seed). A smooth, firm seedbed is needed to create optimal seed-to-soil contact for maximum germination. We do not recommend broadcast seeding and will not give a replant if there is a stand failure. However, if you do have to broadcast grass seed, broadcast seeding requires extensive field preparation along with 25% more seed. For best coverage, use a split application at right angles to each other or crisscross the field. Grasses need a soil pH of 6.5-7.0 to perform well.



# **COOL-SEASON GRASSES**

# **Haymaster**

**Timothy** 



#### **ZONES: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5**

- A mix of tall fescue, orchardgrass, and timothy designed to dry down well for dry hay.
- Well suited for those who want to market dry hay for high RFQ and superior visual appearance.

#### **CONSISTS OF A SPECIAL MIX OF:**





# **KF Premium Hay Blend**

**ZONES: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5** 

- Contains at least two premium tall fescues.
- Highest-yielding of all grasses; high fiber digestibility (NDFD).
- Not recommended for grazing.

#### **CONSISTS OF A SPECIAL MIX OF:**

**Premium Tall Fescue #1** 50%

**Premium Tall Fescue #2** 50%



Untreated Seed

# **KF Haylage Plus**

**ZONES: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6** 

- Designed for haylage or baleage harvest, or as a base for a custom pasture blend.
- Excellent as a straight planting or mix with alfalfa.
- High-yielding in various soil types and management systems.

#### **CONSISTS OF A SPECIAL MIX OF:**

Tall Fescue	50%
Festulolium	25%
Meadow Fescue	25%



Untreated Seed

# **KF Alfa-Plus**

**ZONES: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5** 

- A mixture of the best tall fescues, orchardgrasses and meadow fescues.
- Better for grazing than KingFisher Premium Hay Blend; grazing to 4-6 inches will protect both the orchardgrass and tall fescue.
- Great for hay and haylage; easy to dry.



**Untreated Seed** 



**CONSISTS OF A SPECIAL MIX OF:** 

50%

**Orchardgrass** 25%

**Meadow Fescue** 25%

# **KF Hay Grazing**

#### **ZONES: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5**

- A complete mix that can be either grazed or baled.
- Suited for two spring cuts and fall grazing combinations.
- Untreated Seed
- Organic Coating on Organic and Non-Organic Seed

#### **CONSISTS OF A SPECIAL MIX OF\*:**

Red Clover	5%	KingFisher Alfalfa	40%
Meadow Fescue	15%	Orchardgrass	15%
Tall Fescue	25%		

\*Some percentages include seed coating

# **KF Highland Hay Mix**

**Tall Fescue** 

- This mix was developed for drier soils.
- It has a very good ratio of grass to alfalfa.
- Features increased fiber digestibility (NDFD) and easy drying.

#### CONSISTS OF A SPECIAL MIX OF\*:

KingFisher Alfalfa	65%
Brome	10%

**European Hay Type Tall Fescue** 

\*Some percentages include seed coating

# **ZONES: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5**

- Untreated Seed
- Organic Coating on Organic and Non-Organic Seed

**Orchardgrass** 10%

**Timothy** 5%

# **KF Lowland Hay Mix**

- This mix was developed for wetter soils.
- It has great quality, high sugar, and easy dry down.

#### **CONSISTS OF A SPECIAL MIX OF\*:**

KingFisher Alfalfa	50%
Red Clover	15%
<b>European Hay Type Tall Fescue</b>	10%

#### **Orchardgrass** 15% **Timothy** 10%

\*Some percentages include seed coating

# **ZONES: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6**

- Ultimate tonnage for alfalfa and - Untreated Seed
- grass mixtures. - Organic Coating on Organic and Non-Organic Seed

#### **KF Performance Max ZONES: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6**

- A complete mix of two high-quality alfalfas and three different grasses.



- Untreated Seed
- Organic Coating on Organic and Non-Organic Seed

#### CONSISTS OF A SPECIAL MIX OF\*:

**KingFisher Alfalfas** 70% **Orchardgrass** 10% **Tall Fescue** 10% **Meadow Fescue** 10%

\*Some percentages include seed coating

# GRASS AT ITS BEST

Cool season grass is where it all started for Byron Seeds. More than 25 years ago, when Byron Seeds founder, Samuel Fisher, was searching for better grasses for his grazing dairy, he found the solution in Europe. Grass-breeding programs were flourishing in Europe back then whereas alfalfa was the queen of forages in the U.S., and the grass varieties offered in the U.S. dated back to grandpa. The synergies of combining grass and alfalfa were forgotten in the upper Midwest.

Enter Byron Seeds. We began promoting the idea that diversity was also a great tactic for our stored hay crops. Work at the University of Wisconsin- Madison showed the value of cool season grasses on both the agronomy side and the animal nutrition side. Further work by Dr. David Combs led to the development of a better fiber digestibility metric, total tract NDF digestibility, or TTNDFD. This new metric showed the superiority of cool season grasses over corn silage and especially alfalfa.

What were the compelling reasons to bring cool season grasses back to the hayfield? Later-heading grass varieties were developed in Europe, where the cooler, damper weather made these grasses a better choice than alfalfa. In addition, yields were enhanced through these breeding programs.

# Cool season grasses are also a great choice here in the U.S. for these important reasons:

• Great Forage. These improved grasses allow the grass's quality to persist when seeded with alfalfa. Unlike alfalfa, some grasses—such as meadow fescue, tall fescue and orchardgrass—head out only once per year. When these grasses reach boot stage and are harvested in the first cutting, they will remain vegetative when harvested the rest of the year. This applies even to the extended harvest protocols that are followed for new low-lignin alfalfas. When spring-seeded and treated as an annual, Italian ryegrass can produce yields similar to corn silage without ever heading out all year. It will, however, be very heady in the second year, by which time you've rotated to another crop. The TTNDFD test reveals much higher digestibility for modern

improved cool season grasses reach than for alfalfa, and an even greater advantage over BMR forges. Our cool season grasses have been multiple winners at the annual World Forage Analysis Superbowl.

- Great Yields. In a two-year study at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, cool season grasses had yields similar to those of corn silage and far superior to those of alfalfa. In large plots, Italian Ryegrass yielded 8 and 9 tons of dry matter (DM) forage compared with 10.5 tons DM for corn silage and 4.5 and 5 tons DM for alfalfa haylage. Grasses such as tall fescue have yielded as high as 10 tons DM in university plot trials.
- Great for Nutrient Management. Clear-seeded grasses are
  the best option for nutrient management where liquid manure
  must be spread monthly after each cutting. No other forage
  crop we know of will take up as much phosphorous, nitrogen,
  potassium and other nutrients as a mixture of cool season
  grasses.
- Great for the Next Crop. Grass by itself is actually a very good crop to precede corn. In work undertaken by the University of Wisconsin-Madison at the Arlington Research Farm, corn after grass did as well as corn after alfalfa. Much of the benefit comes from the grass's extensive root system, along with the fact that at each cutting the grass sloughs off and regrows roots as it grows for the next cutting. This expression of organic matter is great for soil improvement.
- Great for Your Soils. Although grass doesn't fix nitrogen in your soils like alfalfa does, it scavenges for lost nitrogen that the corn crop wasted. The grass plants use this nitrogen, along with other potentially lost fertility, to produce forage for your cows. Or, when the crop is rotated, the nitrogen is there for the benefit of the next crop. In the meantime, no other crop does a better job of holding your soils in place while promoting good soil structure and helping keep your soils healthy.

Yes, cool season grasses are a great choice for your hay crop acres. Talk to your local Byron Seeds expert to see how these grasses can help your farm and livestock.

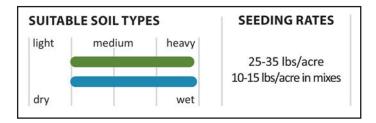


# MEADOW FESCUE

### Description

Meadow fescue is becoming the new go-to grass in the Upper Midwest. Why is it replacing tall fescue? Tall fescue will always outyield meadow fescue head to head. But when meadow fescue or tall fescue is partnered with alfalfa, the yield of the alfalfa and either of the grasses gives the same increase in yield over the alfalfa alone. It seems the meadow fescue is less competitive and does not try to replace the alfalfa. Therefore, the alfalfa/grass ratio remains more constant with meadow fescue. Yes, we still like the drought tolerance of the tall fescue and some may choose Haylage Plus (tall fescue, meadow fescue and Perun festulolium as a nurse crop) as their alfalfa partner.

There is, however, one more meadow fescue advantage and one more contributing factor. Work at UW-Madison has shown an edge in fiber digestibility (NDFD) that can amount to a 2- to 3-pound milk boost when meadow fescue is substituted for tall fescue.

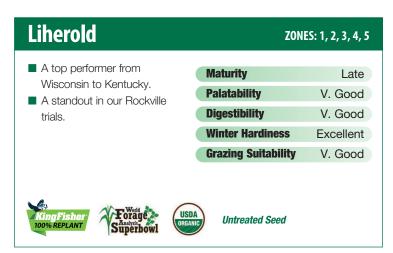


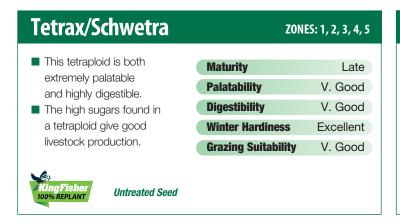
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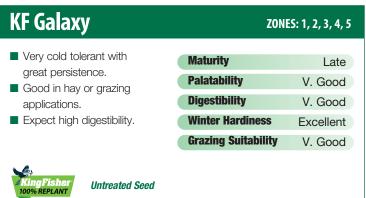
Meadow fescue needs fertile soils for optimum performance. It works well in intensively managed grazing or hay production if not mowed lower than 3 inches.

#### Establishment

Meadow fescue will establish faster than tall fescue or orchardgrass but will still benefit from a nurse crop. 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.







# TIMOTHY

# Description

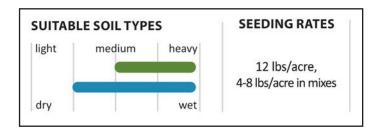
Known for its palatability and superior winter hardiness, timothy is the latest heading of all cool-season perennials. It is well suited as dry cow hay due to its low uptake of minerals such as potassium. It makes excellent horse hay. Timothy has a shallow root system allowing great spring production with poor performance in the heat and drought. However, it does well on heavy, wet, and peaty soils. The small bulb at the base stores nutrients, giving it persistence through the drought and heat periods.

# Management

Choose an earlier-heading variety when combining with alfalfa because timothy will not tolerate harvest during the jointing (stem elongation) and early-heading stages. Keep the cutting height 3-4 inches for stand persistence. Does not graze well. Use a late-heading variety for grazing. It tolerates mechanical harvest well, with proper fertility. Fall cuttings should be early enough to allow carbohydrate reserves to be replenished. Early application of nitrogen will significantly boost production.

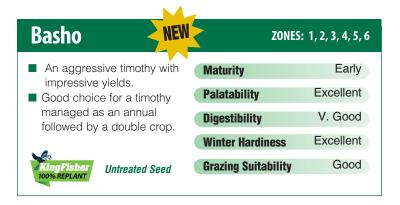
#### Establishment

Timothy can be spring or late summer planted. It needs to be planted into a very firm seedbed keeping the depth 0.125 to 0.25 inch. It is slow to establish so control weed pressure and leave 4 to 6 weeks from seeding date to summer drought for spring plantings and the same period before frost for fall plantings. In the South, timothy is often fall planted as a cover crop, harvested or grazed in the spring and then killed off to make way for spring crops.









# ORCHARD GRASS

# Description

Orchardgrass is a perennial, cool-season bunchgrass best suited for fertile, light to medium soils with good drainage. It can persist in moderately poor drained soils. Orchardgrass has good winter hardiness, tolerance to shade and moderate tolerance to drought. It is an excellent choice for pasture, hay, greenchop or silage and is well adapted to grow with legumes such as clover and alfalfa. There is typically a 10 to 20 day spread in heading date between early-maturing and late-maturing varieties. Use a later-heading variety as a companion to alfalfa.

# Management

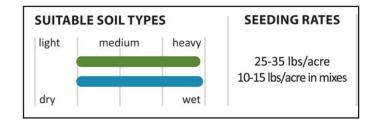
Orchardgrass is very responsive to fertilizer and aftermath production can be excellent with proper fertility and split N applications. For optimum first harvest yield and quality, orchardgrass should be harvested in early-mid boot stage at a cutting height of 3 to 4 inches so it can recover quickly and persistence can be maintained.

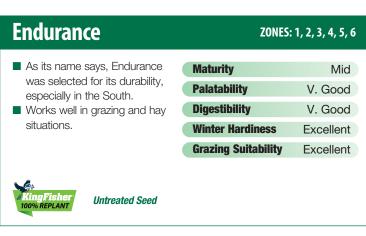
For grazing, excellent grazing management is required to maintain persistence and productivity. Graze to 3 to 4 inches and

rest 28 days between rotations. Orchardgrass does not persist well under continuous grazing. It is not a good candidate to pair with perennial ryegrass since their management protocols are so different.

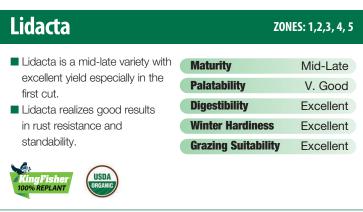
#### Establishment

Orchardgrass can be planted either in early spring or late summer depending on the area of the country being grown. Seeding depth is generally 0.25 to 0.50 inch in a firm seedbed. Rolling or using a cultipacker after seeding ensures even germination and emergence.





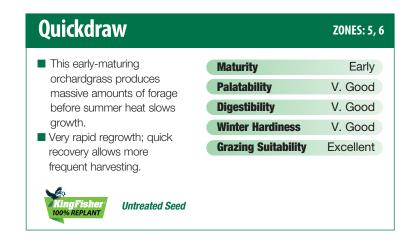






#### **KF OG Blend South ZONES: 3, 4, 5, 6** ■ This blend has been Maturity created for endurance and **Palatability** Excellent performance in the South. **Digestibility** Excellent ■ Works well for grazing or hay with exceptional yield and **Winter Hardiness** V. Good digestibility. **Grazing Suitability** Excellent **Untreated Seed**

KF OG Blend North		ZONES: 1, 2, 3, 4
■ This blend has been created for endurance and	Maturity	Late
performance in the North.	Palatability	Excellent
Works well for grazing or hay	Digestibility	Excellent
with exceptional yield and	Winter Hardiness	Excellent
digestibility.	<b>Grazing Suitability</b>	Excellent
KingFisher Untreated Seed		



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# TALL FESCUE

# Description

Tall fescue has a strong agronomic constitution that allows season-long productivity that is unmatched by other cool-season grasses. Tall fescue can grow in wet conditions but is also very drought tolerant. On dairy farms, tall fescue is a great addition to the hay portfolio, and on beef operations in the Midwest it remains the foundation of pasture systems.

In the past number of years, tall fescue has made many appearances at the World Dairy Expo Forage Analysis Superbowl including as the Grand Champion haylage! While tall fescue has long been thought of as a southern grass, endophyte-free tall fescues are thriving in Wisconsin and Minnesota. For our southern farmers, Novel endophytes tall fescue are the way to go.

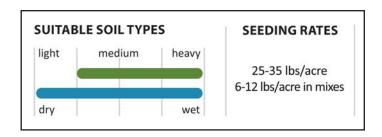
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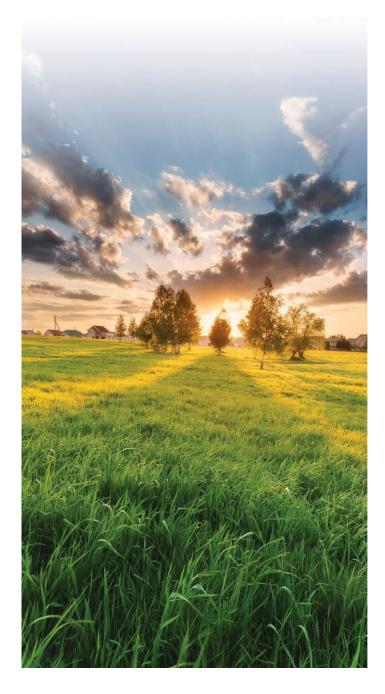
Tall fescue can be planted with alfalfa, with grass hay mixes, or simply in monoculture for hay or pasture systems. Remember that tall fescue, like most cool-season grasses, stores 90% of food for regrowth after harvest in the bottom 2 to 2.5 inches of the stem. This means that for maximum growth and production, at least 3 to 4 inches of stubble should remain after harvest.

Also, for top yield, we recommend 1 to 1.5 lbs. of available N for each day of growth. Another way to look at nitrogen is that it will take a total of 25 lbs. N for each ton of dry matter harvested. Sulphur is also very necessary for proper conversion of the N to crude protein. Tall fescue can tolerate less than ideal fertility but, like most crops, it gives best yield and quality in balanced soils. Tall fescue is the best grass for stockpile grazing.

## Establishment

Tall fescue is easy to establish; but remember, a good seed-bed is at the heart of excellent stands of hay or pasture. It can be no-tilled into existing alfalfa stands (0.25 to 0.50 inch deep) immediately after harvest. (Talk to your dealer about the proper timing for your area.) When seeding in a prepared seedbed, make sure sufficient packing has been done before and after seed is put down. Also, 20 to 30 units of N at seeding is necessary for a faster establishment.

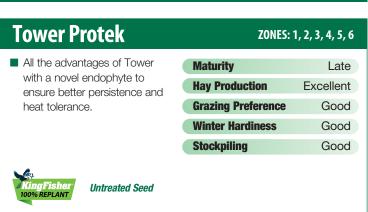


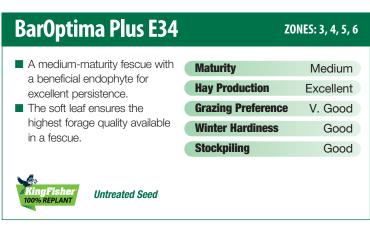


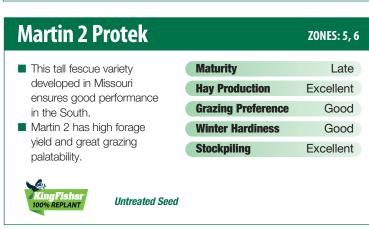


Kora is the best tall fescue for hay. Kora maintains high dry matter productivity typical of tall fescues, plus very high digestibility!

#### **BarElite ZONES: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6** A soft-leafed variety that works **Maturity** Late well in grazing and hay **Hay Production** Excellent production situations. **Grazing Preference** Good ■ Impressive digestibility and yield. **Winter Hardiness** Good **Stockpiling** Good Forage. **Untreated Seed** Superbowl











# Byron Seeds Grass Comparisons

Sometimes it's helpful when choosing grasses to consider how the various grass species rank compared to each other in things like winter hardiness or forage quality. The following table lists several important characteristics we look for in grasses and how the grasses stack up. This table is comparing the grass varieties in the Byron Seeds lineup and, in all these cases, there can be overlap in species. In almost every category, it's easy to pick the winner and the loser, but ranking those in the middle involves some hair splitting.

Ranking of Byron Seeds Grasses								
	Yield Potential	Nutrient Uptake*	Fiber Digestibility	Sugar Content**	Grazing Tolerance***	Winter Hardiness	Drought Tolerance	Wet Soil Tolerance+
Tall Fescue	1	1	5	5	4	5	1	4
Festulolium/Italian Ryegrass/Annual Ryegrass	2	2	1	1	5	6	5	5
Perennial Ryegrass	7	3	2	2	2	7	7	6
Orchardgrass	3	5	4	3	6	4	3	7
Meadow Fescue	4	4	3	4	3	3	4	2
Kentucky Bluegrass	5	6	6	6	1	2	2	3
Timothy	6	7	7	7	7	1	6	1

<sup>\*</sup>You could think of this as nutrient requirement.

# RENOVATE YOUR KY-31 PASTURE WITHOUT LOSING YIELD.

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<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Cutting height from shortest to tallest.

<sup>+</sup>Reed Canarygrass will be better than any of these.

<sup>\*\*</sup>A big part of palatability.

<sup>1 =</sup> highest ranking; 7 = lowest ranking

# ITALIAN RYEGRASS

# Description

Italian ryegrass (IRG) is a cool-season biannual plant that requires vernalization (a period of cold and reduced day length) to initiate heading. IRG is extremely high-yielding and is typically the highest-quality, most-digestible grass of all. Its low cost and ease of seeding make it an excellent choice as either a nurse crop for other species or a great short-term forage in all Upper Midwest growing zones.

IRG is often used as a nurse when seeding alfalfa, tall fescue, orchardgrass and meadow fescue, with only about 2 pounds of IRG required. IRG makes excellent haylage or baleage, but it does not dry well for hay.

# Management

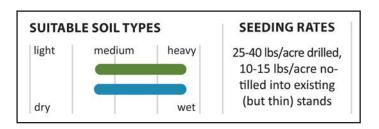
Successful use of IRG requires aggressive management and high fertility. If there are a lot of nutrients on a farm, IRG can be a good choice to utilize and recycle those nutrients. It can be easily used to extend thinning alfalfa or mixed stands for one more year, resulting in high yields of excellent quality forage without the hassle of a total stand renovation.

With its soft leaves, clear stands of IRG are better suited to mechanical harvest with a discbine than a sicklebar. IRG also needs to be stored horizontally rather than in a vertical silo. It would be difficult to fill and to empty. Mixing IRG with other grasses or legumes alleviates these problems.

When IRG is sown in spring, very few seedheads will be observed throughout the seeding year. If IRG is fall sown, the plants will head profusely the following spring.

#### **Establishment**

IRG is very fast to establish, making it ideal for a spring nurse crop with other more perennial grasses. Planting depth should be 0.25 to 0.50 inch. Broadcast sowing into thin stands can sometimes be successful, but no-till drilling is the recommended method to thicken existing stands. Depending on the time of planting and conditions, the first harvest can come as early as 50 to 60 days after planting, and the first pasturing can take place in about six weeks or when the plant cannot be pulled from the ground.





# PERENNIAL RYEGRASS

# Description

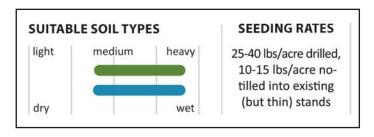
Globally, perennial ryegrass (PRG) is the most widely used grass for grazing because of its aggressive growth and high-quality forage. PRG also makes excellent haylage or baleage, but it does not dry well for dry hay. With proper management and high fertility, PRG can be persistent for 5 to 7 years or more in the Midwest. All the PRG varieties that Byron Seeds selects have excellent grazing tolerance.

# Management

Intensively managed pastures are a great place to use PRG, which requires aggressive management and high fertility. Residual heights for PRG can be lower than for other grasses. Grazing down to about 2 inches in spring and fall is recommended, and leaving higher residual of at least 3 inches in the summer helps persistence and overall productivity of the stand. PRG is not a good candidate for pairing with orchardgrass, which has taller residual requirements.

#### Establishment

PRG can be sown by itself (usually 30 lbs./acre) or sown in mixtures with legumes or other cool-season grasses. Planting depth should be between 0.25 and 0.50 inch. Broadcast sowing into thin stands is sometimes successful, but no-till drilling is the recommended method to thicken existing stands. Plants are ready for pasturing when they no longer can be pulled out by the roots (about 6 weeks) and are ready for harvesting in about 50 to 60 days.









# **FESTULOLIUM**

# Description

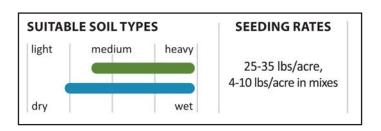
Festulolium is a cross between a fescue and a ryegrass. While there may be thousands of ways to make crosses, most yield very heady grasses. In contrast, the varieties we offer you are the best in the world.

# Management

Festulolium fertilizer requirements are intermediate between ryegrass and tall fescue.

#### Establishment

Seed is identical in size and weight to tall fescue and they mix well together without separating. Seeding rate as a nurse crop with tall fescue and alfalfa is 2 to 3 lbs. per acre. For pastures in the Upper Midwest, we use 5 lbs. per acre. For a pure stand, the seeding rate is the same as tall fescue. This is not commonly done as stand life is approximately 3 years with the first year being the most productive and declining from there on. However, this characteristic with its fast establishment makes it an excellent nurse crop for alfalfa and tall fescue.



Perun	ZO	NES: 1, 2, 3, 4
■ A meadow fescue/Italian	Maturity	Late
ryegrass cross, Perun is a	Palatability	Excellent
perfect nurse crop for new seedings as it establishes	Winter Hardiness	V. Good
very quickly.	Digestibility	Excellent
Perun also works well extending the life of a pasture or hay field for a year or two.	Grazing Suitability	V. Good
KingFisher Sharking Superbowl USDA Superbowl	Untreated Seed	



# KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS

# Description

Balin Kentucky Bluegrass may well be the world's most widely used Kentucky bluegrass—and for good reason. It has shown superior winter hardiness compared to many other bluegrass varieties, and its relatively tall growth habit makes it a much better forage producer than the common bluegrass that most producers are used to. If there is moisture, it will stay green into the summer—almost as long as tall fescue.

# Management

Typically, 70% of bluegrass production is before June, hence its nickname "June Grass." Balin extends the growing period as long as there is moisture. This high-producing bluegrass can thrive in a more relaxed management system due to its superior summer production. Early heavy grazing prevents overmature, low-quality forage. And although Balin's rhizomatous root structure allows it to thrive on intensive grazing, any

companion grasses will be stressed to their demise. Keeping a stubble height of over 2-3 inches increases Balin's tillering.

#### **Establishment**

Most bluegrasses take 21 to 28 days to establish. Balin, by contrast, establishes at 17 days. Seeding depth is 0.125 to 0.25 inch.

# Balin

**ZONES: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6** 

- This may be the world's most widely used bluegrass because it has shown superior winter hardiness.
- Its tall growth and summer production make it a much better yielder than common bluegrass.



**Untreated Seed** 

# **BROMEGRASS**

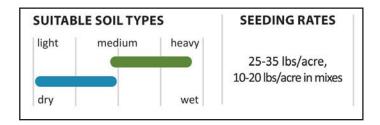
# Description

Bromegrass is a diverse family with species that range from annuals to long-lived perennials. In our program, we concentrate on improved bromes that give increased yield and faster emergence than some other varieties.

All bromes are large-seeded and care must be taken to make sure the seed doesn't bridge in the drill. Also, bromes need to be seeded at the correct depth. Broadcasting is not recommended.

# Management

Bromegrass requires high fertility levels and well-drained soils. Recommended seeding depth is 0.5 inch.



# Hakari Alaskan Bromegrass zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

- Hakari is a late maturing brome that both yields well and holds its quality even when headed out.
- Overall quality is better than orchardgrass.



**Untreated Seed** 

# **Cache Meadow Brome**

**ZONES: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6** 

This variety is very palatable and works well for grazing, even in dry weather conditions.



**Untreated Seed** 

# PASTURE MIXES

# Description

Pasture mixes are very popular for good reasons. They're versatile and more forgiving of adverse soil and climate conditions than monocultures. However, mixes can require good management to keep ratios consistent. Byron Seeds uses a lot of trial experiments from across the Midwest to help put together compatible mixes.

# Management

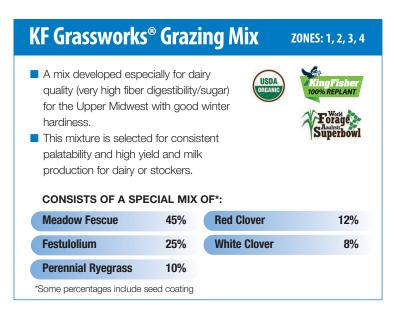
Use the equivalent of about 40 pounds of N to kick-start the seedlings. Clip the pasture when the seedlings are about 6 to 8 inches high to encourage density. Don't graze until firmly rooted.

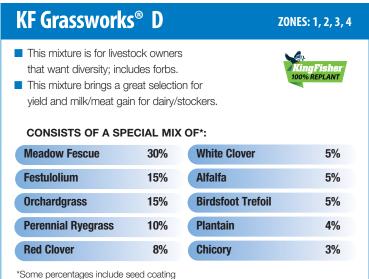
Rotational grazing is best to promote persistence. Manure or fertilizer in the fall will help with winter hardiness.

#### Establishment

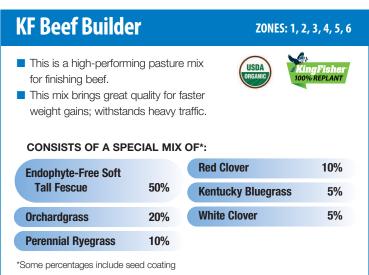
An early fall planting is best using a Brillion seeder or drilled 0.25 inch deep into a well prepared seedbed. If a Brillion seeder or drill is not available, the seed can be broadcast and rolled firm with a cultipacker. We **do not** recommend broadcasting, and seed that is broadcast **is not** supported by our replant policy.

Make sure weeds are controlled before establishment. Spring planting is possible but competition must be suppressed. Most of the Upper Midwest is spring planted.

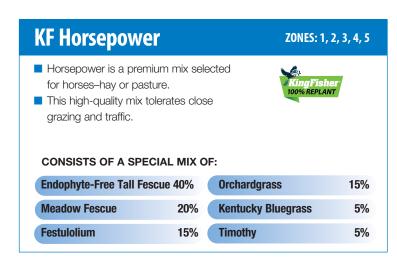


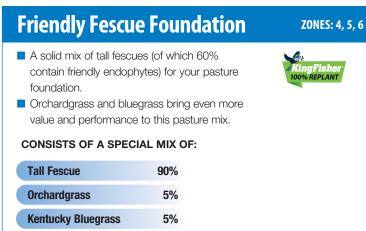


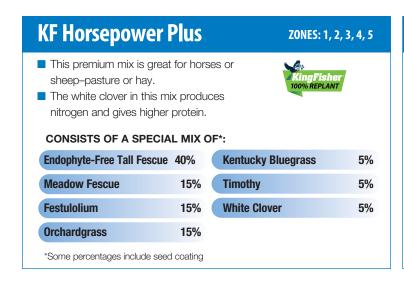


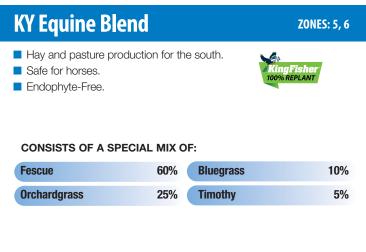


#### All pasture mixes are available with an organic coating.

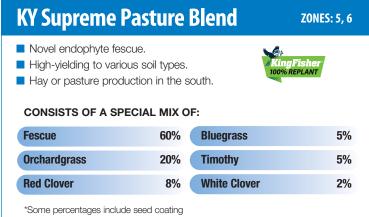












# **Diversemaster**



**ZONES: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6** 

- This extensive blend is designed for producers who want, and can manage, a biodiverse pasture stand.
- It's well suited for grass-finished beef or grass-based dairies.



#### CONSISTS OF A SPECIAL MIX OF:

Soft Leaf Tall Fescue, Meadow Fescue, Italian Ryegrass, Perennial Ryegrass, Meadow Brome, Timothy, Festulolium, Orchardgrass, Red Clover, Alfalfa, Birdsfoot Trefoil, Alsike Clover, White Clover

# Renovator



**ZONES: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6** 

- This multi-species mix is designed for new seedings or for adding diversity to existing pastures.
- It supports high forage yield and quality across varying soils and seasons.
- In new pasture seedings, we recommend pairing this mix with Diversifier to increase yield and quality.

#### **CONSISTS OF A SPECIAL MIX OF:**

Soft Leaf Tall Fescue, Meadow Fescue, Perennial Ryegrass, Orchardgrass, Timothy, Italian Ryegrass, Festulolium

# **Diversemaster Plus**



**ZONES: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6** 

This diverse mix is similar to Diversemaster, except we replaced orchardgrass with more soft leaf tall fescue and meadow brome and added forbs.



This mix will enhance forage quality and is well suited for all classes of livestock.

#### CONSISTS OF A SPECIAL MIX OF:

Soft Leaf Tall Fescue, Meadow Brome, Meadow Fescue, Perennial Ryegrass, Festulolium, Timothy, Alfalfa, Red Clover, Alsike Clover, White Clover, Birdsfoot Trefoil, Chicory, Plantain

# **Diversifier**



**ZONES: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6** 

- This mix of legume species is designed for adding diversity to a pasture.
- The diversity of the blend benefits soil biology and improves forage quality.
- Diversifier can be added into an existing stand or used in a new stand along with grasses and forbs.

#### **CONSISTS OF A SPECIAL MIX OF:**

Red clover, White clover, Alfalfa, Crimson Clover, Alsike Clover, Birdsfoot Trefoil





# SORGHUMS

Sorghums used for forage are generally classed as forage sorghum, sorghum-sudan hybrids and sudangrass. Byron Seeds researches many varieties in field plots and selects the best for our KingFisher lineup.

Sorghums offer many advantages as superb summer forage:

- Outstanding forage nutritional quality attributes especially Brown Mid-Rib (BMR) traits
- Drought tolerance and greater water use efficiency
- Ability to plant later than corn while achieving similar biomass yields
- Lower soil fertility requirements than corn
- Outstanding rotational crop benefits
- Opportunity for livestock grazing during summer months

With less lignin than conventional sorghums, sorghums with the BMR trait are extremely palatable with excellent fiber digestibility (NDFD). Because exceptional fiber digestibility fuels livestock performance, our sorghum lineups are exclusively BMR. Most sorghum plants possess greater total leaf area than corn due to a greater number of nodes per plant (more nodes equal more leaves). Forage sorghums will have leaves similar in size to corn, while the leaves of sudangrass and sorghum-sudan will be smaller than those of corn.

Sorghums are extremely drought and heat tolerant and produce high yields with much less water than corn. Generally, sorghums will yield 1.75 to 2.5 tons of biomass per one inch of irrigation water, while corn produces less than one ton per inch of water applied. Sorghums also have a large, efficient root system capable of reaching soil profile depths of over five feet.

Sorghum's adaptive nature, high production and excellent fiber digestibility make it a valuable tool for forage producers demanding high-quality feedstocks.

Contact your local Bryon Seeds dealer to develop a plan to include sorghums in your summer crop rotation.



# FORAGE SORGHUM

# Description

Forage sorghum, a row crop handled very much like corn for corn silage, offers a replacement for corn silage or multi-cut sorghum-sudans at a much lower seed cost. The cost to plant an acre of forage sorghum—usually \$20 to \$25—is a fraction of the cost to plant an acre of corn.

The brachytic dwarf option adds more leaves and less stalk (the leaf nodes are much closer together). In addition, brachytic dwarfs tend to exhibit more tillering, along with the extra leaves, to more than make up for the shorter height. Brachytic dwarfs are also much less vulnerable to lodging from high winds.

Our forage sorghums are available both untreated and with Concep  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{II}}^{\ensuremath{\mathsf{B}}}.$ 

#### Management

Forage sorghum is usually direct-cut with a forage harvester. The one struggle is having the forage dry enough to chop and store without having too much sorghum grain. The grain fills from top to bottom on the panicle (head) and becomes very hard with ripening, so the starch of the ripe grain will not be very digestible.

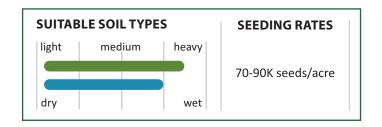
A big advantage of BMR forage sorghum over corn silage is that sorghums need about 33% less water and nutrients per ton of forage produced than corn silage. Sorghums love hot and dry climates, and therefore will be more productive than corn silage on marginal soils. Finally, sorghums have few insect problems (for example, corn borers and root worms), and mycotoxins are rarely a problem.

# KF FiberPro 50 KF FiberPro 50 is our shortest season brachytic dwarf. It is a very uniform hybrid with high yield and excellent quality. Relative Yield Excellent Tillering Excellent NDFD Excellent NDFD Excellent

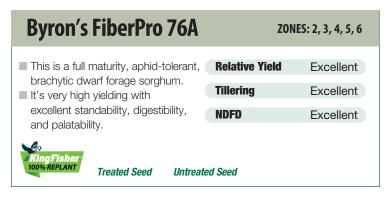
#### **Establishment**

Forage sorghum is planted (after 60°F soil temps are reached) with a corn planter adapted for low-output sorghum since seeding rates are small. Forage sorghum can be planted in 15- or 30-inch rows. Sorghum seeding rates—planted on 30 inch rows: 5 to 7 lbs with a target of 70,000 plants per acre; planted on 15 inch rows: 7 to 9 lbs with a target of 90,000 plants per acre.

Forage sorghum emerges in about 10 days, after which the plants grow from 3 to 6 inches a day, depending on whether the temperature stays over about 70°F. Sorghums will not grow below 60°F, but they will not deteriorate like corn at temps above 105°F. When the temperature moderates a bit, the sorghum recovers quickly.







# **BMR SORGHUM-SUDAN**

# Description

Sorghum-sudan crosses are a warm-season, or C4, grass. Because warm-season grasses process sunlight into sugars (photosynthesis) differently than do cool-season (C3) grasses, sorghum-sudan:

- must be planted after soil temperatures reach 60°F and are rising.
- grow very little at temperatures lower than 60°F.
- grow best at 77°F and higher.
- will produce a ton of silage with half the rain or irrigation needed by corn silage.

After germination, sorghum-sudans thrive in hot, dry weather. They die soon after a freeze.

These forages produce quick tons of highly digestible (high-energy) silage or pasture; they are an excellent source of pasture for the hottest months.

BMR (brown mid-rib) is a natural trait (not GMO) that produces lower levels of lignin in these plants. This trait transforms sorghum products into highly digestible feed that fuels livestock performance. All the sorghum-sudans in the Byron Seeds lineup are BMR.

Brachytic dwarf sorghum-sudans (a natural trait) provide some good benefits:

- Shorter residual cutting height
- Shorter space between leaves for better leaf-to-stem ratio
- Shorter stalk but with more leaves, a quality improvement
- Higher tillering capacity

# Management

Sorghum-sudan will be harvested for baleage or haylage about 45 days after planting. Grazing is usually initiated a week to 10 days earlier. Sorghum-sudan is mowed when it reaches a height of 38-40 inches.

Residue heights are also important. Brachytic dwarfs can be mowed with a 4-inch residue, one reason for their popularity. Non-brachytic versions must be mowed with at least 6 inches of residue (above the second growth node) to promote rapid regrowth. Caution: Regrowth can be almost zero if the residual is too short.

Fertilizer needs are 1.0-1.25 units of nitrogen per growing day, i.e., 45-50 units for the first cut and 30-35 units for each subsequent cut. Potassium, phosphorous and sulfur are also needed on most farms. All fertilizer needs are the equivalent of the needs for 100-bushel corn.

Manure can be used for the original application of fertilizer; however, commercial nitrogen is the best source after a cutting. Nitrogen needs for grazed sorghum-sudan must be reduced proportionally so that cows can be brought in to graze earlier without danger of nitrate poisoning. Sorghum-sudan should not be grazed for 7-10 days after a killing frost as it takes about seven days for the prussic acid produced by the frost to dissipate.



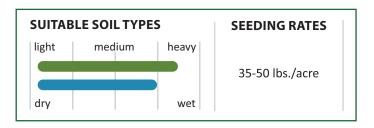
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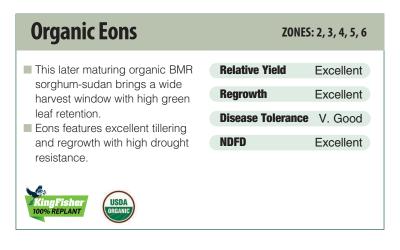
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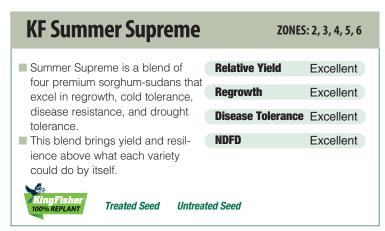
Sorghum-sudan usually emerges in about 10 days and then can grow 3-6 inches per day. A conventional or no-till drill is used for the seeding, and planting depth should be 1.0-1.5 inches.

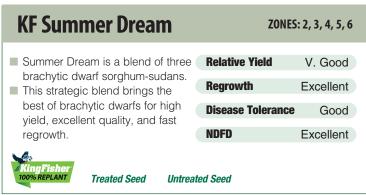
Planting after a small grain crop (rye or triticale, for example) requires dealing with the allelopathic effects from the dying grain plants. This can be accomplished with either minimum tillage or heavy application of liquid manure.

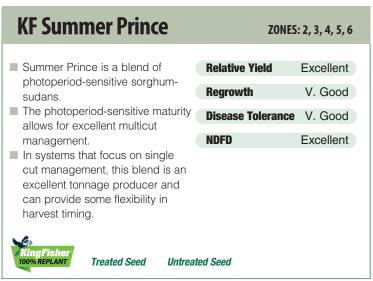
Because no herbicides are available for sorghum-sudan, weed-management activities must precede planting.











# **BMR SUDANGRASS**

# Description

Our sudangrass hybrid is a very aggressive, droughttolerant summer annual. It emerges more quickly and has faster regrowth than sorghum-sudan as well as finer stems that contribute to its superior quality.

# Management

Sudangrass can be grazed or cut for baleage or haylage with an optimum grazing height of 30 inches and an optimum harvest height of 40 inches. Residual height (when recutting is planned) is 6 inches.

In southern zones, sudangrass can be made for dry hay, but it must be cut to 30 inches to achieve drydown. It responds well to applied fertility or manure. Timely cutting (45 days after planting and 30 days for subsequent cuts) is important because quality will decline as sudangrass reaches maturity.

Because sudangrass is highly sensitive to all herbicides, weed prevention—including starting with a clean field—must be done before planting. Sudangrass should not be grazed for 7-10 days after a killing frost as it takes about seven days for the prussic acid produced by the frost to dissipate.

#### Establishment

Sudangrass is easy to establish, but it does require 60°F soil temperatures (and rising) before planting. Seeding rates are 20-25 pounds per acre, with seeding at the higher rates providing the best yield and weed suppression. Seeding depth should be 0.75-1.0 inch. It is best to get the seed into the soil moisture.

If the seed will be interseeded into an existing hay or pasture stand, the grass should be cut very short to achieve good establishment.







# BMR PEARL MILLET

# Description

Pearl millet is a warm-season, annual grass with a growth habit like sorghum-sudan but without the potential for prussic acid poisoning. As a warm-season annual, pearl millet should be planted in the early summer and, like most crops, it will yield best in fertile, well-drained soils. However, it also will perform relatively well on sandy soils, acid soils, wet soils or when moisture and fertility are relatively low. Although millet seems to be utilized mainly for grazing, it can also be harvested for silage.

Pearl millet will provide grazing 45-60 days after planting with yields of over 6 tons of dry matter per year under good fertility.

# Management

To avoid nitrate toxicity potential, do not apply excessive amounts of nitrogen or graze drought-stressed plants. Frost will kill pearl millet just as it kills sorghum-sudan.

Though rotational grazing will greatly improve grazing efficiency because managed grazing is more efficient, pearl millet may be continuously grazed. Grazing may be initiated after plants reach 18-20 inches or are cut at 24-30 inches.

Regrowth is best if a stubble height of 4-5 inches remains. An additional 40-50 units of nitrogen should be applied after first harvest or grazing to maximize regrowth.

#### Establishment

Pearl millet should be planted in early summer when soil temperatures reach 60°F-65°F. It can be broadcast-seeded into a prepared seedbed or drilled. Broadcast-seed into firm soil, then cultipack for good seed-to-soil contact.

If pearl millet is drilled, the seeding rate should be 15-20 pounds per acre and the seeding depth 0.5-1.0 inch. For best results, soils should be soil tested and  $P_2O_5$  and  $K_2O$  applied accordingly. In the absence of a soil test, 70-90 pounds of both  $P_2O_5$  and  $K_2O$  should be applied along with 60-70 units of nitrogen at seeding.

Between 0.75 and 1.0 unit of nitrogen should be spoon-fed per growing day rather than applied all at once. In grazing situations, 0.5 unit of nitrogen per growing day will be more appropriate.

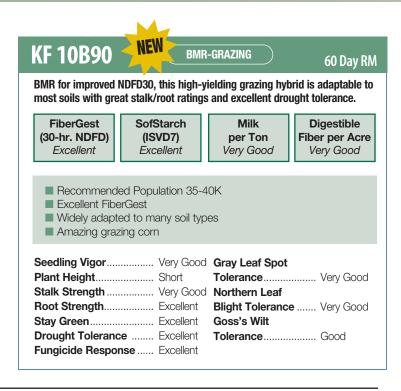






# **BMR Grazing Corn**

This year we are introducing an excellent BMR Grazing Corn, KF 10B90. This high-yielding short day crop brings BMR quality corn for your livestock to graze. KF 10B90 is adaptable to most soils, with great stalk and roots, as well as good disease ratings and excellent fungicide response. Excellent drought tolerance and stay green round out this amazing grazing corn.



# Byron Seeds Forage Solutions

# What is your forage problem?

-Wet year/dry year

-Early spring/late spring

-Out of forage

-Manure management

-Prevent plant

-Erosion/weeds

Whatever your problem may be, Byron Seeds Forage Specialists have many forage tools to bring you a solution. We understand forage and have the expertise to develop an alternative plan to mitigate your forage frustrations and put you on the road to success.



# **TEFF**

# Description

Teff, a warm-season annual grass native to Ethiopia, in recent years has attracted the interest of forage agronomists and producers for its contribution as a hay crop. It is characterized by a fairly large crown, many tillers, fine stems, a very shallow root system, rapid growth, and high tonnage capability.

Teff's maximum yield potential and quality expectations are not completely known. Two harvests per year are relatively commonplace, and many producers in warmer climates have reported three to four harvests per year. We have seen harvests yield 2.0-2.5 tons of dry matter per acre (DM/acre). Single harvests of 1.5 tons of DM/acre are probably more typical, with total yields for the growing season of 4-5 tons of DM/acre.

Although teff must be reseeded each growing season, it can be integrated into a forage program in a variety of ways, including as:

- A stand-alone grass hay crop for commercial sales or on-farm use
- An emergency hay or haylage crop that can be planted in June or July or later farther south
- A rotational hay crop that can be planted after harvesting cereals or annual ryegrass
- A break crop when renovating a perennial grass or alfalfa stand
- A fast-growing, self-limiting nurse crop for fall-seeded alfalfa
- A one-year grass component planted into a thinning alfalfa stand

# Management

Teff should be fertilized with potassium and phosphorous at rates comparable to other forage grasses grown in your region. We recommend split-applying a total of 80-100 units of nitrogen per acre during the season. Apply the first 50 units at planting, and then apply the remaining N after the first or second harvest.

Teff's fine stem is a benefit with respect to forage quality and palatability. However, the fine-stemmed nature of the crop can cause lodging problems if it is not harvested at the proper maturity stage. To avoid lodging, harvest teff in the late vegetative stage, just prior to seed head emergence, at a cutting height of 24-30 inches with a 4-5 inch residue height.

#### Establishment

Seeding depth is 0.125-0.25 inch; seed no deeper. Excellent teff stands can be achieved using either no-till or conventional seeding methods. But broadcasting teff seed into a very firm, prepared seedbed may be the best option in field environments where tillage is environmentally acceptable. The importance of a firm seedbed cannot be overemphasized.

Teff seedings should not be made until the soil temperature has consistently reached 64°F. The recommended seeding rate is generally 4-5 pounds per acre for uncoated seed and 10-12 pounds per acre for coated seed.

Teff is not recommended as a grazing crop due to its very shallow root system. Grazing animals are likely to pull substantial numbers of teff plants out of the ground as they graze. If grazing is necessary, wait until one or two hay harvests have been completed before grazing to allow the roots more time to develop and become better anchored in the soil.

Cascade/Corvallis	ZONES: 1	, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Teff is excellent as dry hay or haylage and is very palatable	Relative Yield	Excellent
for horses and cattle.	Regrowth	Excellent
Teff is very much like timothy hay in quality.	<b>Disease Tolerance</b>	V. Good
	NDFD	V. Good
KingFisher 100% REPLANT Organic Coating Seed		



# FORAGES TO MAXIMIZE YOUR GROWING SEASON

# Description

If you're looking for ways to increase your farm's productivity and decrease ration costs, the easiest way to accomplish this is to plant annuals with high amounts of digestible fiber. Annuals can yield more than perennials and can help crop rations be more aggressive. Cool-season annuals like forage oats, annual ryegrass and brassicas will grow well into the fall and help shorten the winter. By planting warm- and cool-season annuals in sequence, you'll maximize every day you have.

If you are north of Interstate 80, instead of summer-seeding a new alfalfa crop, consider an annual cocktail mix. Yield Max is a combination of BMR sorghum-sudan, Italian ryegrass, two clovers and hairy vetch. The pairing of warm- and cool-season annuals lowers the risk that could come with a cool/wet or a hot/dry summer. And there's another bang for the buck: The ryegrass and clover stretch the growing season into the fall and act as a cover crop for the winter.

Summer Pro is a warm-season mix of sorghum-sudan and millet designed to create a stronger sward through two different rooting actions and to provide greater crop density. This mix helps you be successful on a wider range of soils and growing conditions and brings faster regrowth than sorghum-sudan alone.

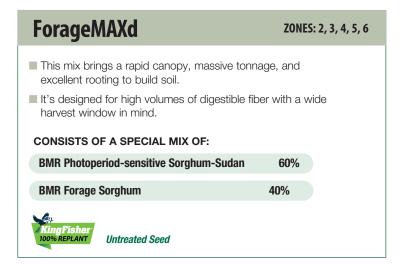
# Management

Summer Pro does best in the southern half of the Midwest. Suggested seeding rates are 25-35 lbs./acre.

Yield Max works great for very high-quality baleage, haylage or grazing and should be able to be harvested three times. Plant Yield Max in soils that are 60°F at 40 lbs./acre. Yield Max does best in areas north of Interstate 80.

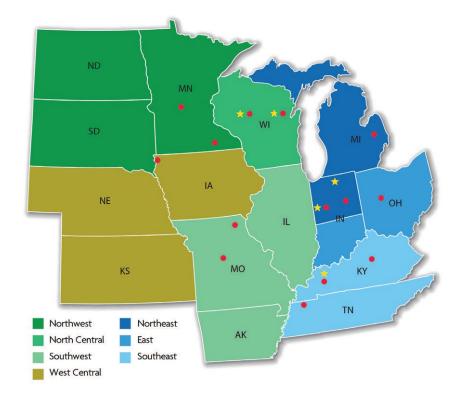
ForageMAXd is a blend of forage sorghum and photo-period sensitive sorghum-sudan to give a single cut of highly digestible fiber in 60 to 90 days.

ForageMAXd is designed for a cut and wilt system as direct chop will be too wet for storage. Suggested seeding rates are 20-25 lbs./acre.









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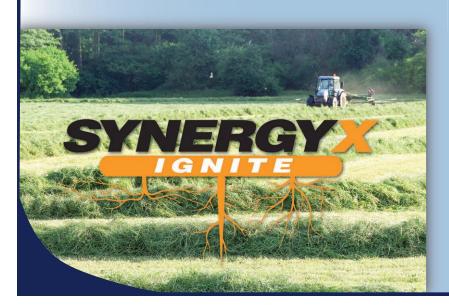


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