



FORAGE FIRST®

5020.FR ALFALFA

CUTTING SYSTEM: 4 - 5

- **Fast recovery after cutting & later fall dormancy**
- **Resistance to several important alfalfa pests including pea aphids & stem nematode**
- **Excellent forage yield potential combined with excellent winter hardiness**

 **Includes CrosseCoat™** - an elite platform of proven seed coating and treatments to enhance germination, establishment and survival

FORAGE FIRST® FACTOR: Understand that harvest schedules play a huge role in alfalfa selection. Be practical when considering cutting intervals and regrowth expectations. If the fall dormancy doesn't match the management of the producer, it doesn't matter the genetics or quality of the alfalfa.

DISEASE & PEST CONTROL

PHYTOPHTHORA ROOT ROT	HR	APHANOMYCES RACE 1	HR
VERTICILLIUM WILT	HR	APHANOMYCES RACE 2	NR
ANTHRACNOSE	HR	PEA APHID	HR
BACTERIAL WILT	HR	POTATO LEAFHOPPER	NR
FUSARIUM WILT	HR	STEM NEMATODE	R
FALL DORMANCY	4.9	TOTAL DRI	30/30
WINTER SURVIVAL	2.0		

HR = HIGHLY RESISTANT, 51% or more resistant plants	R = RESISTANT, 31 - 50% resistant plants
MR = MODERATELY RESISTANT, 15 - 30% resistant plants	LR = LOW RESISTANCE, 6 - 14% resistant plants
S = SUSCEPTIBLE, 0 - 5% resistant plants	NR = NOT RATED

SEEDING RATES (LBS/ACRE)

MONOCULTURE	15 - 20
MIX COMPONENT	8 - 10

SEED INFORMATION

SEEDS/LB	227,000
DEPTH (IN)	1/4 (FINE) - 1/2 (SANDY)
EMERGENCE (DAYS)	7 - 14

CHARACTERISTICS

ESTABLISHMENT	FAST	PALATABILITY	HIGH
PERSISTENCE	HIGH	YIELD POTENTIAL	HIGH
DROUGHT TOLERANCE	MED-HIGH	GRAZING TOLERANCE	MED
WINTER HARDINESS	MED-HIGH		

PLANTING TIMES

SPRING PLANTING	MAR - MAY
FALL PLANTING	AUG - SEP
LIFE CYCLE	PERENNIAL

ADAPTATION

Grows best on deep, well-drained, friable soil with pH 6.5 to 7.5

ESTABLISHMENT

Plant alfalfa seed in clean, smooth, firm seedbed with adequate moisture. Ensure good surface drainage. Do not seed as first crop on newly leveled land where fill may settle and cause poor surface drainage. A combination drill and packer is desirable. Cultipack soil before and after seeding to help stand establishment.

Spring seeding can occur 30 days before last killing frost. Late summer-sown alfalfa seed can also be successful. Allow for adequate growth prior to first killing frost.

ROTATIONAL GRAZING

Graze early bloom (1/4 inch bloom) to 2 inches. Potential bloat hazard. Use caution when grazing. Alfalfa best withstands grazing if rotated frequently or grazed in small strips.

HARVEST MANAGEMENT

Cut at 1/4 bloom; last cutting of season should be 4 weeks before first killing frost

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