



# FORAGE FIRST®

## PRO ALFALFA

Brand

CUTTING SYSTEM: 2 - 4

- **Consistent performance at a budget price**
- **Widely adapted**

Pro Brand is a selected brand of alfalfa specifically chosen for local adaptation and is designed for sustainable management programs. Pro Brand is a good alfalfa for the economy-minded grower.

- **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	<b>HR</b>	APHANOMYCES RACE 1	<b>R</b>
VERTICILLIUM WILT	<b>R</b>	APHANOMYCES RACE 2	<b>NR</b>
ANTHRACNOSE	<b>R</b>	PEA APHID	<b>NR</b>
BACTERIAL WILT	<b>R</b>	POTATO LEAFHOPPER	<b>NR</b>
FUSARIUM WILT	<b>R</b>		
FALL DORMANCY	<b>3.0</b>	TOTAL DRI	<b>25/30</b>
WINTER SURVIVAL	<b>2.4</b>		

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	<b>15 - 20</b>	SEEDS/LB	<b>227,000</b>
MIX COMPONENT	<b>8 - 10</b>	DEPTH (IN)	<b>1/4 (FINE) - 1/2 (SANDY)</b>
		EMERGENCE (DAYS)	<b>7 - 14</b>

### SEED INFORMATION

### CHARACTERISTICS

ESTABLISHMENT	<b>MED</b>	PALATABILITY	<b>HIGH</b>
PERSISTENCE	<b>MED</b>	YIELD POTENTIAL	<b>HIGH</b>
DROUGHT TOLERANCE	<b>HIGH</b>	GRAZING TOLERANCE	<b>HIGH</b>
WINTER HARDINESS	<b>HIGH</b>		

### PLANTING TIMES

SPRING PLANTING	<b>MAR - MAY</b>	Grows best on deep, well-drained, friable soil with pH 6.5 to 7.5
FALL PLANTING	<b>AUG - SEP</b>	
LIFE CYCLE	<b>PERENNIAL</b>	

### ADAPTATION

### 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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