

Meadow Fescue & Tall Fescue Mixture

High Energy

Improve Butterfat

Widely Adapted

Key features

- Effective fiber
- High energy
- Highest quality perennial forage
- Improve butterfat and milk yield
- Wide range of adaptation
- Traffic tolerant, ideal for multiple manure applications

Seeding Rate:

Seeding Rate:	25 lbs/acre
Sowing Depth:	1/4" - 3/8"
Grazing Height:	8" - 9"

As a mixture of meadow fescue varieties and late maturing soft leaf tall fescues, Milkway™ performs well as a standalone hay crop or as an excellent companion with alfalfa.

Combining high yielding meadow fescues with extremely digestible soft leaf tall fescues, Milkway™ provides exceptionally high NDFd and thus an improved rate of digestion, while the soft leaf tall fescues provide stable NDF and NDFd throughout the season. Milkway™ in a dairy TMR can improve milk production 5%-15% over traditional wheat straw diets. Milkway™ brings increased production and high quality forage to your hay and pasture fields.

Technical Information

Uses

Milkway is a perfect standalone hay crop or paired with alfalfa for increased milk production due to its high quality. With its unique combination of soft-leafed tall fescue and high quality meadow fescue, Milkway™ can also be utilized as a pasture crop in the upper midwest where optimum forage quality pasture is desired.

Establishment

Start with a soil test to determine the fertilizer and lime requirements of your pasture/field. Planting at a depth of 1/4" to 3/8" (or a depth that is not more than 5 times the diameter of the seed). A smooth, firm seed bed is required to have optimal seed-to-soil contact for maximum germination. Broadcast seeding requires extensive field preparation along with an additional 25% more seed. For best coverage, use a slit application at right angles to each other or crisscross the field.

Management

Avoiding over-grazing or clipping lower than 3 inches helps stand vigor and regrowth; 6 to 8 inches are needed for overwintering. It also encourages more root development. Proper fertility is needed to ensure stand establishment, expected forage tonnage and quality. Approximate nitrogen needs are 40 lbs. for establishment and an additional 50 to 80 lbs. for the total annual requirement. Once established, Milkway™ will have excellent longevity and dry matter yields.