

Westerwolds

Westerwolds are an annual ryegrass species which establish quickly and give high productivity within 12 months of sowing. This species is useful for sowing immediately after maize or cereal harvest in autumn or in spring, when high yields are required within 3-6 months of sowing. They can also be used as a cover crop/green manure.

Westerwolds will germinate down to 3°C soil temperature therefore significantly increase yields at the beginning and end of the growing season. In mild locations with light soils, they may grow all year giving great opportunities for winter sheep grazing.

Under a cutting regime, 16-17T DM/ha is achievable under a 4-5 cut system with high inputs of N. P & K levels should be closely monitored too as high yields will remove large quantities of nutrients from the ground.

Sow at 12.5kg/acre for a full crop or 4-5kg/acre as a cover crop.

Available in 25kg packs.

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