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LEGUMINOUS FORAGE CROPS

Medicago sativa L. – Alfalfa

HUNTER RIVER

Morphological and physiological characteristics

• Size: medium, thin stem

Dormancy: group 7-9

Precocity : medium

Re-sprouting speed: very high

• Persistence : very good

Agronomic characteristics

Cold resistance: medium – high

Disease resistance: high

Productivity: high

Use: green forage, ensilage, and hay

Agronomic procedure

• Seeding period: ► February – March in areas where conditions do

not allow the sowing in autumn

September – October

Sowing quantity: 25-35 kg/ha

Sowing depth: 1.5 − 2 cm

Fertilisation: N 30 . 40 kg/ha, P2O5 100 -150 kg/ha, K2O 100 - 150 kg/ha.

Harvesting: from budding to start of flowering

HUNTER RIVER is a semi-dormant variety of alfalfa, suitable for Mediterranean climates. It's very strong, and thanks to its early spring start and late winter rest it can last over one month longer than other varieties. It is suitable for all uses – green foraging, grazing, ensilage, haymaking -, both when cultivated on its own and when combined with other leguminous plants and grasses.