



SUGARCREST
FESTULOLIUM

HIGH QUALITY AND PERSISTENT

- MEADOW FESCUE X PERENNIAL RYEGRASS TYPE
- HIGH FORAGE QUALITY
- EXCELLENT PERSISTENCE
- HIGH-YIELDING
- FAST ESTABLISHMENT

Sugarcrest is a new perennial ryegrass X meadow fescue hybrid, better known as a festulolium. Festulolium is a term used to describe a number of ryegrass X fescue combinations. Festulolium parents can be Italian ryegrass or perennial ryegrass crossed with tall fescue or meadow fescue. Meadow fescue has long been accepted as a superior quality forage species compared to tall fescue, and although Italian ryegrass will outyield perennial ryegrass in the short run, Italian is short lived. **Sugarcrest** is a combination of perennial ryegrass and a U.S.-adapted meadow fescue which produces a winter-hardy hybrid with added drought tolerance, seedling vigor, and a high feed value. With its unique durability and forage quality package, **Sugarcrest** will be a highly sought after festulolium for some time to come.



2018 CORNELL TRIAL DATA

VARIETY	2016 YIELD % OF MEAN	2017 YIELD % OF MEAN	2018 YIELD % OF MEAN	3-YR TRIAL % OF MEAN
SUGARCREST (FEST)	114	100	105	106
BARVITRA	125	114	104	115
REMINGTON	103	111	115	110
SPRING GREEN (FEST)	111	102	107	106
LPTNEAROM	86	104	100	97
CALIBRA	89	95	91	92
GO-AXT	85	87	92	88
LINN	86	87	86	87

Cornell Univ, Ithaca, NY Planted May 1, 2015



ESTABLISHMENT Plant at a rate of 15-20 lbs./ac. Proper seed bed preparation is essential. No-till seeding is generally very effective. Avoid planting too deep. Irrigation to supplement seasonal moisture, if available, will insure best establishment and fill-in. Plants should be firmly established before grazing is allowed. Particularly in the first year, overgrazing can seriously reduce stand longevity.

MANAGEMENT Proper management begins with correct fertilization. Soil sampling is a great tool to get baseline soil fertility inventory, especially on pH, organic matter, phosphorus, potassium and other macro and micro elements to best determine application rates based on soil maintenance and nutrient removal. Correct nitrogen application rates should consider organic matter, yield goals, stocking rate, etc. Your local agronomy input supplier or extension service can provide valuable regional information. Control broadleaf weeds as necessary.

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