

FESTULOLIUM

PUCARA (ITALIAN)

OVERVIEW

PUCARA is a single cross between *Lolium multiflorum* (annual ryegrass) and *Festuca pratensis* (Meadow Fescue). This variety is the result of the selection of plants showing a biannual behavior and persistence.

It provides excellent persistence in drought stressed environments and in high temperature conditions. It looks like a tetraploid annual ryegrass. It has a slower growing at first, but recovers for a longer time.

The recommended planting rate ranges from 15 to 20kg/ha in mixtures with white and red clover. At planting fertilize with phosphorus according to soil analysis and N at tillering achieving 100 to 200kg/ha. It is also recommended to observe the crop during establishment for possible aphid attack that could delay the first cutting.

- Excellent persistence in drought stresses environments and in high temperature conditions.
- It looks like a tetraploid annual ryegrass
- Slower growing rate at first, but it recovers during the second part of the year and stays vegetative for a longer time

