

## Firkin Annual (Italian) Ryegrass

**KEY OBSERVATIONS:** 

- Excellent forage quality, tetraploid variety
- Excellent forage yield in the seeding year
- Will not set seed in seeding year
- Excellent disease resistance
- Excellent seasonal growth pattern

**VARIETY DESCRIPTION:**

Botanical Name:	Annual
Ploidy:	Tetraploid
Pollination:	Open
Plant - Spring Growth Habit:	Erect
Plant - Fall Growth Habit:	Erect
Plant Height:	Medium
Winter Hardiness:	N/A
Maturity:	Medium
Rhizomes - Creeping Habit:	N/A
Waxy Bloom on Leaf:	Present
Leaf Sheath Colour:	N/A
Basal Hairs:	Absent
Leaf Blade Margins:	Smooth
Leaf Blade Folding:	Open
Leaf Width:	Wide
Leaf Length:	Long
Leaf Colour:	Dark green
Leaf Pubescence:	N/A
Flag Leaf Width:	Medium to Wide
Flag Leaf Length:	Long
Auricles:	Absent
Flowering Date:	N/A
Panicle Colour:	Red
Panicle Length:	Medium to Long

**VARIETY DESCRIPTION:**

Panicle Shape:	N/A
Panicle Pubescence:	N/A
Panicle Type:	N/A
Panicle Attitude:	N/A
Number of Spikelets:	Many
Culm Neck Shape:	N/A
Branch Pubescence:	N/A
Palea Length:	N/A
Lemma Pubescence:	N/A
Lemma Texture:	N/A
Lemma Length:	N/A
Lemma Width:	N/A
Lemma Awn Length:	N/A
Glume Pubescence:	N/A
Glume Length:	N/A
Glume Width:	N/A
Glume Awn Length:	N/A
Anther Colour:	N/A
Palea Pubescence:	N/A
Seed Size:	Medium
Seed Weight:	0.4g/100 Seeds
Seed Length:	6.77mm
Seed Width:	1.55mm
Seeding Rate:	11kg/ac, 25lbs/ac

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COMPARISON VARIETIES	HARVEST YEAR(S)	TOTAL CUTS	NUMBER OF STATION YEAR(S)	TOTAL YIELD (KG/HA)	YIELD INDEX (%)
<b>PUBLIC YIELD SUMMARY</b>					
Firkin	2014	4	1	7928.0	N/A
Barextra	2014	4	1	6100.0	N/A
<b>DLF PICKSEED CANADA INC. YIELD COMPARISONS</b>					
Firkin	2015-'16	9	3	6798.9	???
Fox	2015-'16	9	3	6584.6	105
Max	2015-'16	9	3	5861.3	94
<b>DLF PICKSEED CANADA INC. YIELD SUMMARY</b>					
Firkin	2015-'16	9	3	6798.9	109