

WESTERWOLD RYEGRASS CAPTAIN

OVERVIEW

CAPTAIN is a tetraploid Westerwold ryegrass and as a Tetraploid, CAPTAIN has larger seeds than the average ryegrass variety. A tetraploid plant has 4 sets of chromosomes per cell, compared with a normal diploid plant that has two sets. The cells are therefore bigger and have a higher ratio of cell contents (soluble carbohydrates) to cell wall (fiber). This means CAPTAIN has a higher palatability and digestibility. Excellent mid-winter production and rapid growth. Due to large seeds it is also recommended for oversowing Kikuyu after first frost. It can still produce good grazing in winter when planted late, due to cold tolerance.

It is higher in sugars with good Rust resistance, particularly when compared to imported varieties. It handles drought better than a Diploid ryegrass. CAPTAIN was bred by the ARC- Range and Forage Institute at Cedara Centre.

- Excellent grazing for winter
- High in sugar content
- Very palatable
- Outstanding re-growth
- Suitable for cattle, sheep and horses

