

# Fowler Seed Marketing

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## FSM Leader Certified Organic Italian Ryegrass

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### Agronomic & Performance Characteristics

- Rapid establishment; suited for spring or fall planting, especially late in the seeding window
- Tetraploid - selected for yield, persistence, and palatability.
- Extremely winter-hardy, tolerates rapid temperature drops
- High protein and soluble carbohydrates for maximum milk production or rate of gain



FSM Brand Certified Organic Italian Ryegrass is well suited for grazing or grass silage production; seed alone or with red clover on a wide variety of soils under organic production. It can also be used to enhance the establishment of perennial pasture or hay fields. True Italian ryegrasses, like **Leader** will not head during the first year of establishment. Seeding rate alone for grazing or silage (same with red clover) is 35 to 40 pounds per acre; 8 to 10 pounds per acre when included in a perennial mix. **Leader** can generally be successfully sown any

time after the risk of killing frost in spring through early-October. Because **Leader** establishes rapidly and tolerates sharp temperature drops, it can be planted earlier in the spring and later in the fall than most other varieties. Fertilizer requirements are similar to other cool season grasses. Italian ryegrass is a vigorous utilizer of the nutrients in applied manure or compost. FSM recommends using an Agri-Energy grass pasture/hay program to supply balanced nutrition throughout the growing season and minimize imbalance related risks. **Leader** will normally be ready for harvest about 40-45 days after planting and every 35-40 days thereafter through the growing season with a large spring harvest. Production generally declines after heading once it has gone through a winter.

FSM Brand Leader Italian Ryegrass is benefitted by **Myco-Seed Treat** for enhanced seedling establishment at a rate of 4oz/100#.

Use our **Bio-Enhanced Organic Grass Hay Fertility Program** to supply balanced nutrition throughout the growing season, including essential calcium, phosphorus, and potassium.

*FSM Brand Leader Italian Ryegrass is certified organic by NICS.*