

# MILKWAY GRASS BLEND

## Key Features

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Milkway contains fescue and grass varieties that test and perform well in the TMR of high producing dairy cows at the University of Wisconsin.

## Seeding Rate

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- ▶ 25-30lbs/acre for straight seeding.
- ▶ 3-5lbs/acre with alfalfa and grass as a companion.

## Seeding Depth

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- ▶ ¼" into a firm, clod-free seedbed.
- ▶ ½" for no-tilling drilling.

## History and Development

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Researched by numerous agronomists and dairy scientists indicates Barenbrug forage fescues are ideally suited for the TMR of high-producing dairy cows in the northern U.S. Barenbrug has created the ideal product so that dairymen can take advantage of the benefits of Barenbrug forage fescues. Milkway contains high-yielding meadow fescue and extremely digestible soft-leaf tall fescue cultivars. "Pradel" meadow fescue provides exceptionally high NDFd (neutral detergent fiber digestibility), resulting in an improved rate of digestion. It does not cause "rumen fill" as it is one of the lowest NDF (neutral detergent fiber) grasses that can be grown in the northern U.S. "BarElite" and "Bariane" soft-leaf tall fescues are world renowned for their suitability for dairy TMR due to their low NDF and high NDFd values. Milkway is the ideal grass blend for TMR silage production as it provides stable NDF and NDFd throughout the season so the dairyman can pack different cuttings in the same bunk. Research shows that using Milkway grass blend in dairy TMR can improve milk production 5-15% over traditional wheat straw diets.

## Management Keys

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Either seeded as a companion with alfalfa or as a standalone forage, Milkway will produce the exceptional yields of a very high-quality forage. When seeded as a pure grass stand, Milkway will require a higher level of management. As a pure stand, fertility requirements will be higher especially with nitrogen. This could also assist in manure management for larger operations.



Components	%
Meadow Fescue	60
Tall Fescue	40

