

PILLAR ALFALFA

Key Features

Pillar is a high yielding alfalfa featuring the unique StandFast® Fast Growth trait that offers up to 30% faster growth than the other competitive alfalfa varieties, resulting in extra cuttings and more harvestable yield each season.

Fall Dormancy Rating

4.0

Winter Hardiness Index

1.5

Seeding Rate

20-25 lbs/acre.

Seeding Depth

¼" into a firm, clod-free seedbed.

Establishment

Seeding rates for alfalfa vary with management and seeding type. When drilling in rows the seeding rates can be lower. When broadcasting alfalfa seed the seeding rates should be higher. When incorporating grasses into a mixed forage crop the alfalfa should be broadcast at a slightly lower rate than stated above. The grasses in this mixed stand should be drilled in rows. This will allow a more uniform stand of both species.

History and Development

Developed from crossing fast growing, tall European alfalfas onto North American plants and screened for high yield potential, persistence and high forage quality. Pillar was developed in the Upper Midwest for superior recovery and high yields while focusing on quality. Both the livestock producer and the commercial hay grower benefit from the fast growth and high forage quality. Pillar has become Prairie Creek Seed's largest volume selling alfalfa because of its yield and quality.

Management Keys

Pillar can produce an extra 4 to 6 inches of growth in the first 21 days after each harvest and reach harvest maturity 5 to 7 days ahead of other alfalfas. This fast recovery after harvest maximizes the total number of productive harvests each season. Ideal for the 4 to 5 cut harvest system. Pillar should be fertilized as any high performance alfalfa for highest yields and forage quality.



Diseases

Anthracnose	HR
Aphanomyces Race 1	HR
Aphanomyces Race 2	HR
Bacterial Wilt	HR
Fusarium Wilt	HR
Phytophthora	HR
Verticillium Wilt	HR

Nematodes

Stem	MR
Northern Root Knot	HR

Insects

Pea Aphid	R
Spotted Alfalfa Aphid	HR

