True Italian Ryegrass
Tetraploid With Excellent Forage Quality
Late Maturing, High Yielding
Winter Hardy

**MEROA Tetraploid Italian Ryegrass** is an exciting new entry to the North American forage market. Initial trial data shows MEROA to have higher yields than many annual ryegrass varieties, with exceptional cold tolerance, late-season production, and valuable forage quality.

In addition to being used for fall-to-spring forage production in all growing zones, MEROA can be planted in the spring in cooler climate without concern of producing seedheads until the next year. This is due to its true Italian nature.

Review these highlights from 2014-15 annual ryegrass trials to see if MEROA has a fit in your forage program.

- **LOUISIANA.** Meroa was the highest scoring entry in Winnsboro, LA in a field of 35 of the best annual ryegrasses available. It was #5 out of 35 in Franklinton, LA.
- **TENNESSEE.** Meroa has the highest yield and was statistically better than all other varieties for the 3rd cutting (May 26th) and was the 2nd highest scoring variety for all yields in Greeneville, TN.
- **GEORGIA.** Meroa was the highest scoring entry in Griffin, GA, outscoring 41 other entries. It even out-yielded the next best variety by 1,744 lbs. DM/ac (15%). Most of this extra yield was in the last cutting, which was 4,754 lbs. DM/ac, as compared to the next best variety which had 2,447 lbs. DM/ac (nearly 50% less)!
- **MISSISSIPPI.** Meroa had the highest last cutting yield in Poplarville and the highest combined last two cutting yields in Starkville, MS.
- **OHIO.** Meroa had nearly no winter injury in South Charleston, OH, outscoring 15 other entries and out-yielding 22 other entries.
- **PENNSYLVANIA.** Meroa placed 2nd for Italians in Pennsylvania trials with top last-cutting score. Meroa also outscored 23 other ryegrass entries in the same trial.

**RECOMMENDED SEEDING RATE**
35-45 lbs./acre

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