Meroa is both a tetraploid and an Italian ryegrass. This makes it very useful. First, as a tetraploid ryegrass it has twice the chromosomes as a diploid ryegrass, higher sugar content, and bigger, more succulent leaves. Meroa is also a true Italian ryegrass, meaning that when planted in cool-season regions it normally will not go to seedhead until following next summer. In warm-season climates, fall planting is recommended.

**HIGH YIELDS**
Meroa has higher forage yields than many other annual ryegrass varieties in both northern and southern locations.

**LATE MATURITY**
Meroa is later maturing, producing abundant forage throughout the entire spring growing season. It also has very good regrowth.

**DAIRY-QUALITY FORAGE**
Meroa has exhibited high forage quality, even late in the season and is an excellent forage for high-demand livestock.

**DISEASE RESISTANCE**
In 2015, Meroa exhibited virtually no susceptibility to grey leaf spot and rust, during a significant disease outbreak in North Florida.

**PLANT IT IN THE SPRING**
Meroa exhibits all the best features of a true tetraploid Italian ryegrass. When planted in the spring/early summer in cooler climates, its true Italian parentage will prevent unwanted seedheads until the following year. Rather, Meroa will be able to provide abundant forage for high demanding livestock throughout the year and into the following spring.

**PLANT IT IN THE FALL**
When sown in the fall, either as a cultivated planting or overseeding an existing pasture, Meroa’s lush and leafy canopy will remain productive late into the spring season with forage yields continuing on until early summer. Meroa can be planted in both cool and warm season regions for winter forage. Meroa performs very well as a cover crop, providing good weed suppression and generous biomass.

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**PLANTING INFORMATION**
Seeding Rate: 35-45 lbs./acre for hay or grazing; 15-20 for cover crops
Optimal pH Range: 5.5-7.0
Planting Dates: Aug-Dec, Mar-May
Planting Depth: 0-1/2”

For more product information, visit MeroaRyegrass.com.