

RYEGRASSES

Wimmera Annual Ryegrass

Hardy, early annual ryegrass that regenerates from seed

Lolium rigidum

Wimmera is the traditional diploid annual ryegrass of southern Australia's cropping districts. It establishes easily, grows through winter, matures early and sets seed readily, so it can regenerate in following years.

ABOUT THIS VARIETY

Wimmera is a hardy, early maturing annual ryegrass long used in low to medium rainfall districts. It establishes easily, grows through winter and finishes before the season dries off. Eased grazing in spring lets it set seed and regenerate the following autumn, so it is a common self-regenerating grass in sheep pastures sown with a regenerating sub clover.

Wimmera is not ARGT resistant. Annual ryegrass is the main host for the nematode that carries annual ryegrass toxicity (ARGT); where ARG is a known problem we recommend Safeguard, which was bred out of Wimmera. Wimmera seeds heavily, so plan grass control before returning to crop.



QUICK FACTS

-  **TYPE & PERSISTENCY**
Annual
-  **MIN RAINFALL**
350 mm+
-  **SOWING RATE**
15–15 kg/ha Monoculture, 5–10 kg/ha In a mix
-  **END USE**
Grazing, Hay, Silage
-  **LIVESTOCK**
Sheep, Beef
-  **PLOIDY**
Diploid

KEY ATTRIBUTES

- ✓ Traditional hardy diploid annual ryegrass
- ✓ Early maturing, suits shorter seasons
- ✓ Sets seed readily and self-regenerates
- ✓ Not ARGV resistant; use Safeguard where ARGV occurs

PLANTING & GRAZING NOTES

Graze once plants are firmly anchored, and cut for hay or silage before seed set. To regenerate the stand, ease grazing in spring to allow seed set for germination the following autumn.

HOW IT'S SOLD

FORM	PACK
Bare	25 kg