Festuca valesiaca

Buddy

Silvery-Blue Leaves



- Finely textured ornamental grass for versatile uses
- Best selection from seed in the market
- Open panicles with beige spikelets
- Tuft-forming, compact habit
- Evergreen grass

Crop Time	Spring: 14 - 16 weeks
Height ⌀	16 " / 40 cm
Width ⌀	15 " / 38 cm
Exposure	Sun - Partial shade
Seed Form	Raw Seed, BeGreen Pelleting
Heat Zone	undetermined
Hardiness Zone	4-8
Product Use	Landscape, Rockery
Foliage Color	Blue

TECHNICAL GUIDE

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Plug Culture
Germination: Optimum conditions for seedling development, beginning on the day of sowing until radicle emergence. Expect germination in 7-14 days.

Cover: Cover the seeds lightly. Light is not required for germination.

Sowing method: 4-6 seeds per plug.

Media: pH 5.5-6.2; EC <0.7

Temperature: 18-20 °C (64-68 °F) for the entire plug production.

Moisture: Begin with a wet (4) for the first days of germination. Alternate between moisture levels moist (3) and medium (2) to maintain a good wet to dry cycle. Avoid overwatering.

Light: Supplemental lighting is not needed in the plug stage. If desired, provide light levels up to 35,000 lx.

Fertilizer: Maintain an EC <0.7. Use a nitrate-based fertilizer with low phosphorus. Feeding should start <100 ppm N and gradually work up to 100-175 ppm N.

Growth Regulators: Not required.

Growing On
Media: pH 5.5-6.2; EC 1.0-1.2

Temperature: 10-18 °C (50-64 °F) during day and night.

Moisture: Alternate between moisture levels moist (3) and medium (2) to maintain a good wet to dry cycle. Avoid overwatering.

Light: Lighting is not required.

Fertilizer: Low fertilization levels are required. Use a nitrate-based fertilizer with low phosphorus. Avoid overfeeding.

Growth Regulators: Not required.

Plug & Finished Crop Time
Plug Crop Time

288 tray: 4-5 weeks

Finished Crop Time

10-12 cm (4-5") pots (1*): 10-11 weeks

15-19 cm (6-7") pots (3*): 11-12 weeks

Moisture Codes

Saturated (5)	Water is easily observed when finger is pressed on cell. Water moves freely from the top of the plug to the bottom.
Wet (4)	Media looks black and is not glistening. The media feels wet to the touch but there is very little water movement.

Moist (3)	Water is not easily visible. When finger is pressed on the cell there is very little movement from top to bottom.
Medium (2)	Media is not black, but now looks medium brown. There is no water movement when pressed with finger.
Dry (1)	Media has changed color to a very light brown and is dry to the touch.

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