

SW4209

SW4209 is a very winter hardy FD4 variety with strong yield potential and very good spring vigor. This alfalfa variety has good overall disease resistance with good forage quality. A good fit for Northeast, upper Midwest, and intermountain Northwest.

Breeding Background & Benefits

SW4209 is derived from an inter-cross of 55V50 with two winter hardy S&W experimental lines, resulting in a high yielding very winter hardy variety with improved forage quality over 55V50. SW4209 has a good track record in S&W testing throughout the Northeast, upper Midwest, and intermountain Northwest. It is very adaptable to the Plains States – including areas where freezing winter weather may be accompanied by less than adequate snow cover.

Agronomic Traits

- DRI Score: 34
- Fall Dormancy: 4
- Yield: 9
- Winter Hardiness: Very Hardy

Key Advantages

- Very winter hardy
- Good spring vigor
- Highly resistant to most major alfalfa pests and diseases
- Strong Aphanomyces root rot resistance makes SW4209 suitable for fields with variable drainage
- Breeding background improves upon a strong commercial pedigree



PEST RESISTANCE	HR	R	MR	LR
Bacterial Wilt	•			
Verticillium Wilt		•		
Fusarium Wilt	•			
Anthracnose	•			
Phytophthora Root Rot	•			
Aphanomyces Race 1	•			
Aphanomyces Race 2	•			
Leafhopper	--UNDETERMINED--			
Spotted Alfalfa Aphid	•			
Pea Aphid	•			
Stem Nematode		•		

HR = High Resistance
 R = Resistant
 MR = Moderate Resistance
 LR = Low Resistance



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