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A winter-hardy legume capable of producing abundant forage, fixing significant amounts of nitrogen, and attracting wildlife and pollinators.

WINTER HARDY, LATER MATURITY, ABUNDANT NITROGEN

WinterKing hairy vetch is a PVP protected variety which began with selection work by Steve Groff in E. PA. WinterKing demonstrates improved winter hardiness and delayed flowering and is capable of producing large amounts of high-nitrogen biomass.



WINTER HARDINESS BENEFITS

Better winter hardiness equates to more biomass. More biomass provides increased forage for livestock, more biomass for cover croppers, and increased weed suppression for all. Those desiring high nitrogen-fixing legumes for green manure, forage grazing, wildlife and pollinator attractants should find WinterKing an improved option over other legumes that lack cold tolerance

DELAYED FLOWERING BENEFITS

As an annual legume, hairy vetch may need to be terminated either mechanically or chemically when followed by a row crop. Some producers may find the late maturity of WinterKing reduces the potential for undesired seed propagation found in earlier maturing cover crop varieties. For livestock producers, WinterKing's late maturity means more vegetative high value feed longer into the spring season.

NITROGEN-FIXING BENEFITS

WinterKing has shown potential to produce 150-200#N/acre, especially when allowed to reach maturity later in the season. This is beneficial for green manure as well as providing an extended high-protein source for grazing livestock throughout the full spring season.

For more information visit WinterKingVetch.com.

PLANTING INFORMATION

WHEN: 3-6 weeks prior to the average first killing frost

DEPTH: ½-1 ½"

METHOD: Drill, broadcast with light disking

SEEDING RATE

DRILLED: 15-20 lbs/A, 10-15 lbs./A

BROADCAST: 25-40 lbs/A, 15-20 lbs./A

TERMINATION: Roll kill, selective or non-selective herbicide allows for no-till seeding into terminated stand.

