



JOURNEY Brand
204 HYBRID ALFALFA

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JOURNEY Brand 204 Hybrid Alfalfa is a hybrid alfalfa variety developed with patented SUNSTRA Hybrid Alfalfa Technology and released to alfalfa growers across the greater hardy alfalfa production area of the United States.

JOURNEY Brand 204 Hybrid Alfalfa expresses its greatest forage yield advantage in more aggressive harvest regimes and is slightly earlier than present varieties.

JOURNEY Brand 204 Hybrid Alfalfa strengths include its aggressive forage yield capabilities, high forage quality, distinctive rapid regrowth after harvest, excellent winter survival abilities and solid persistence.

AGRONOMIC INFORMATION

Maturity	Early to Medium	Insect Resistance	
Quality	Excellent	Spotted Alfalfa Aphid	R
Persistence	Excellent	Pea Aphid	R
Winter Injury Index	2.4		
Fall Dormancy Rating	4	Nematode Resistance	
Crown Structure	Average	Stem Nematode	R
Root Type	Tap	Northern Root Knot Nematode	HR
Soil Adaptability		Disease Resistance	
Well-drained soils	Excellent	Anthracnose (Race 1)	HR
Moderately-drained soils	Very Good/Excellent	Aphanomyces Root Rot (Race1)	R
Poorly-drained soils	Good	Bacterial Wilt	HR
Grazing	Good	Fusarium Wilt	HR
Irrigated soils	Excellent	Phytophthora Root Rot	HR
		Verticillium Wilt	R
		DRI	28

Forage Yield Summary

Dawson Co., NE	2002-03	1 st out of 18**
Mead, NE	2002-03	1 st out of 16**
Ames, IA	2001-04	3 rd out of 24*
Lancaster, WI	2003-04	3 rd out of 32*
Scottsbluff, NE	2001-02	6 th out of 20*

Hybrid Alfalfa Technology Features and Benefits

<u>Feature</u>	<u>Benefit</u>
Increased spring vigor	Allows for earlier cutting for increased quality with less risk of stress and stand loss.
Photosynthesis starts sooner	Faster regrowth with more vigorous plants & increased yield.
Stronger plants	Provide greater forage yield production in years 3-4.
Heterosis	Increase in forage yield capabilities.
Drought Tolerance	Quick ground cover to reduce moisture loss. Deep rooted to capture moisture.
Shade Tolerant	Competes well with nurse crops.
Traffic Tolerant	Tolerates wheel traffic when soil conditions are wet.

TESTIMONIALS:

Journey 204 was very good for yield in dry weather. We have taken four good cuttings of alfalfa for two years. It yields better than the other alfalfa varieties that we have in production.
Warren Kennedy, Sutherland, NE

December 2, 2003

When asked about his impressions of Journey Brand 204 Hybrid alfalfa, Kenneth Kennedy wrote, It has “excellent re-growth and excellent hay quality”, plus “excellent plant health and root system.” He went on to note, “with the quicker re-growth there are times when we get one more cutting which really adds to the tonnage. It seems that in drought years the Journey performs better. It must have a better root system.”

Kenneth Kennedy, Sutherland, NE

December 2, 2003

I planted Journey 204 on a 25 acre sub-irrigated field. Three good cuttings were taken and could have had a fourth. The bales were heavier because of the fine stems and leaves. A rancher called and wanted a load of 1st of 2nd cutting hay. “If it isn’t good hay, I will send it back”, he said. When he got the hay, he called back and said, “You must have made a mistake, because it looked like 3rd cut hay. He ended up buying the entire field of hay.

Darold Miller, Maxwell, NE

December 3, 2003

“Journey 204 started growth more quickly in the spring than other varieties and the re-growth is quicker coming on post-harvest. Journey 204 is superior than the other alfalfa varieties I have grown.”

Kent Ingram, Franklin, NE