



Comet Spelt

A shorter variety with high grain yield and less lodging from its shorter height. Comet averages 16-20 inches shorter than Oberkulmer. It averages 37 inches tall and tolerates higher rates of nitrogen. Ideal for feeding grain to livestock. This is a true spelt, distinguished from others by its creamy white chaff. Grain head is large, and the grain has high test weight. Excellent winter survival.

Soil Adaptation

Wet – Difficult because wet areas may exacerbate winterkill problems and interfere with harvesting

Drought – Fair. Productive during fall and spring, which tends to reduce drought risk.

pH Range –6.0 and above

Cutting Management

Harvest is later than wheat. Cut or graze at flag leaf stage before head has emerged for forage use. Leave a 2-4” residual height.

At A Glance

- Ideal spelt for grain production, but also works well for forage
- Shorter for less lodging, excellent standability
- Potential forage yield similar to triticale
- Latest spring maturity date of all the winter small grains

Best Uses

Grazing, haylage, baleage, grain

Establishment

Planting Dates: Same as winter wheat

Seeding Rate: 125 lbs/A

Seeding Depth: 1” - 1 1/2”



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