

Recommended grass and clover varieties 2021-2022

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Summary

- The varieties listed overleaf are recommended for use in Scotland
- First choice varieties are highlighted by capitals
- Recently introduced first choice varieties are provisional ratings, pending further trials currently in progress

1. Introduction

The agricultural industry in Scotland is co-operating in a scheme to ensure the continuation of the SRUC Recommended List of grass and clover varieties. The scheme, with the support of NFUS, AIC, SSTA and BSPB, involves a contribution for every kilogram of herbage seed sold.

Merchants participating in the scheme have exclusive access to the detailed SRUC information on herbage varieties. Participating merchants display the special SRUC logo opposite on seed bags, and promotional literature.

Within each grass species, varieties are listed in order of heading date, i.e. 50% ear emergence. This is the date when ears are seen on 50% of the fertile stems. These dates, relative to 1st May, give the Relative Ear Emergence (REE). Thus, in an average year, the early perennial ryegrass variety AberTorch (T) (REE 20) heads on the 20th May, while the late variety Foxtrot (REE 49) heads on 18th June, almost four weeks later. The actual heading dates vary according to season and altitude but the relative order of heading remains fairly constant. Perennial ryegrass varieties have the widest range of heading dates and are divided into three maturity groups – early, intermediate and late. The range within each group can be 12 days or more. Timothy varieties similarly are in three groups, cocksfoot has two groups, early and late, while Italian and hybrid ryegrasses are now each considered as one group. Within each species there is a close relationship between heading date and important characteristics such as seasonality of growth, herbage quality and persistency. The REE value is shown for the earliest and latest variety within each blocked grouping.



White clovers are listed in order of leaf size. The small leaved are prostrate types, persistent and suited to continuous grazing, while large leaved are more erect and better suited to cutting or rotational grazing. The leaf size, relative to Grasslands Huia, is shown for the smallest and largest within each group.

Red clovers are listed alphabetically within two flowering groups, early and late.

Tetraploid varieties are indicated by (T) after the name.

For more detailed information on variety attributes and performance, and their use in seed mixtures, contact your local SAC Consulting adviser or grassland specialist, or a participating merchant.

Perennial Ryegrass	Early	Perennial Ryegrass	Inter	Perennial Ryegrass	Late	Italian Ryegrass	
<i>REE up to 30</i>	<i>REE</i>	<i>REE from 31-45</i>	<i>REE</i>	<i>REE over 45</i>	<i>REE</i>	Fabio (T)	28
ANACONDA (T)	18	MALONE (T)	31	WETHERBY (new)	46	DORIKE (T)	29
ABERTORCH (T)	20	SOLOMON		BALLINTOY (T)		Barmega (T)	
GENESIS		FINTONA (T)	32	BIJOU (T)		Inducer	
MOYOLA	25	BOYNE		Charisma (T)		Barmultra II (T)	
KILREA	28	SEAGOE (T)		BALLYVOY		GEMINI (T)	
Kilian		RAMORE(T)		CALLAN		Hunter	
Glasker		GALGORM	36	ABERTEST		YACHT (T)	
		ABERCLYDE (T)		Delphin (T)		Bartissimo	
		Ritchie (T)		DRIFT (T)		Salome (T)	
		NIFTY		GLENFIELD (T)		MERIBEL	
		MOIRA		GRACEHILL (T)		Gizi (T)	
		ABERDART		ALFONSO (T)		Fox	
		GLENARIFF	39	DUNDROD		Muriello	
		Arsenal		MEIDUNO (T)		Ligrande	
		Fennema		Weldone (T)		Itaka	
		ABERWOLF		ABERAVON		BARIMAX (T)	
		ABERZEUS		AstonKing		ALAMO	
		Arelia		Oakpark		MESSINA (T)	
		Indra		Lathorn		Pinaco	
		RODRIGO		Hurricane (T)		Lemtal RvP	35
		ABERMAGIC	42	ABERGAIN (T)		MELPRIMO	
		COPELAND		Dundrum (T)		DAVINCI	
		GOSFORD		KILLYLEA (T)		JAVORIO	
		CARLAND (T)		TODDINGTON	49	BELLUNA	
		DIWAN (T)		Novello (T)		DOLORES	
		AGASKA		ASPECT (T)			
		ABERGREEN		NASHOTA (T)			
		DUNLUCE (T)		NAVAN (T)			
		ABERSPEY (T)		Romark			
		CALEDON (T)		CLANRYE			
		DIORAMA (T) (new)		Polim (T)			
		Orion (T)		DRUMBO			
		GUSTO		ABERBITE (T)			
		PENSEL (T)	44	THEGN (T)			
				TWYMAX (T)			
				ABERBANN			
				Aston Princess (T)			
				Bocage (T)			
				ASTONCHIEFTAIN	52		
				SWAN			
				GLENROCK			
				KINTYRE (T)			
				Xenon (T)			
				Fornido (T)			
				ABERPLENTIFUL (T)			
				Cabriolet (T)			
				DUNLOY (T)			
				Delika			
				Solas (T)			
				Ideal (T)			
				ABERCHOICE	55		
				ABERLEE			
				EVOCATIVE			
				Cancan			
				Dromore			
				BOWIE	62		

Hybrid Ryegrass

Abersheen (T)	24
ABERECHO (T)	27
Solid (T)	
Enduro (T)	
Drumlin (T)	
ASTONCRUSADER (T)	32
HYMER (T)	
PIROL	
ABEREDGE (T)	
ABEREVE (T)	34
Scapino (T)	
BARCLAMP	39

Timothy

Early

<i>REE up to 55</i>	<i>REE</i>
Odenwalder	45
SCOTS	51
Presto	
DOLINA	
COMER	
PROMESSE	
Erecta RvP	
COMTAL	55
REE 56-61	Inter
Moverdi	57
BARONAISE	58
Motim	
REE over 61	Late

Cocksfoot

Early

<i>REE up to 28</i>	<i>REE</i>
Dactus 24	
ABERTOP 28	
REE over 28	Late
SPARTA 29	
PRAIRIAL	
Cambria	
LIDACTA 31	

Festulolium

AberNiche	37
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White Clover

Small

Aberace	41
Galway	
ABER S184	70
GRASSLANDS DEMAND	
ABERPEARL	
Avalon	
RIVENDEL	82

Medium

Saracen	
CRUSADER 85	
ABERHERALD	
Grasslands Bounty	
IONA	
Grasslands Tribute	
Coolfin	
ABERDAI	
ABERSWAN	
Grasslands Huia	
ABERVANTAGE	
BUDDY	
Menna	
MERWI 104	

Large

KATY	110
MAKURI	
AberSirius	
VIOLIN	
Reisling	
ALICE	
BARBLANCA	
DUBLIN	
Klondike	
ARAN	159
BRIANNA	191

Red Clover

Early

AberChianti
AberClaret
Fearga (new)
Merula
Milvus
Amos (T)
Magellan (T)
Diplomat
Global
Lemmon
Merviot
Atlantis (T)
Avisto
Harmonie
Hegemon
Metis
Sinope

Late

Altaswede
Britta



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