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PRODUCT GUIDE

The guide to Barenbrug Agriseeds pasture cultivars and management.

Now is the perfect time to consider your pasture sowing options.

Good pasture is the cornerstone of New Zealand farming. You cannot buy a cheaper, more efficient and natural source of feed than your own grass, clover, herb or crop.

But not all pasture is equal. If you want to get the best out of your livestock and land, you need the right pasture to match your situation. Inside this guide you'll find the information you need to help select and grow superior pastures for your farm.

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VALUE OF CULTIVAR CHOICE

Introduction

Investing in the correct plant genetics is a key decision in pasture renewal. Cultivar choice affects a wide range of things including persistence, cool season yield, the heading date in grasses and late spring quality of a paddock and its palatability.

How do you value this?

One way is to look at an old ryegrass cultivar like *Nui*. At first glance it may look easier on the wallet than newer options but a quick cost:benefit analysis shows it is anything but.

It all comes down to performance. Comparative trials show a modern ryegrass like *Trojan* with *NEA2* endophyte will grow 2-3 t DM/ha a year more than *Nui*. On a sheep farm, that adds up to more ewes/ha, and more lambs too. On a dairy farm, *Trojan's* growth advantage means more milk in the vat. See the example below.

Bottom line? The correct cultivars, matched to the needs of the situation, pay for themselves surprisingly quickly, and after that, they're highly profitable. New pasture genetics also have other benefits that old cultivars (like *Nui*) simply cannot match. Palatability and feed quality are higher, so animals perform better. Winter and early spring growth is much better, giving you more feed when you really need it. Endophytes enhance animal health and pasture persistence.

You wouldn't use a 30 year old ram or bull in your business because today's choices are so much more productive. Pasture is no different.

Example

Cost vs benefit: Modern ryegrass/white clover seed mix

Cost	
Typical modern seed	$335/ha
Typical 'cheap' seed	$125/ha
Extra cost*	$210/ha

* Estimated cost based on 20 kg/ha ryegrass & 4 kg/ha white clover.

Benefit - Sheep/beef	Benefit - Dairy
Extra 3 ewes/ha @ $110 GM** = $330	Extra 171kg MS/ha @ $6 = $1026/year◆
Faster lamb growth (10% faster) from better pasture quality*** = $62	Less cost production (30%◆◆) = $308/year
Extra benefit each year = $392/ha	Extra benefit each year = $718/ha

Assumptions:
**Extra 2 t DM/ha grown on sheep farm. Ewe gross margin (GM) = Income $110/ewe (1.2 lambs @ $90, cull ewes @ $12, $17.50 wool) less $27.50/ewe costs.
*** Lamb LWG from Lincoln University trials at Ashley Dene, *Alto* ryegrass grew lambs 10% faster than *Nui* (over 5 separate 8 week periods). $ benefit based on 15g/day faster LWG, 20 lambs/ha for 120 days = 36 kgLW @$1.70/kg = $62.
◆Extra milk solids (MS) based on 3 t DM/ha/year extra pasture; 80% utilisation; conversion to milk at 14kg DM/kgMS.
◆◆ Variable costs of extra MS produced vary farm to farm, but assumed 30% of income.

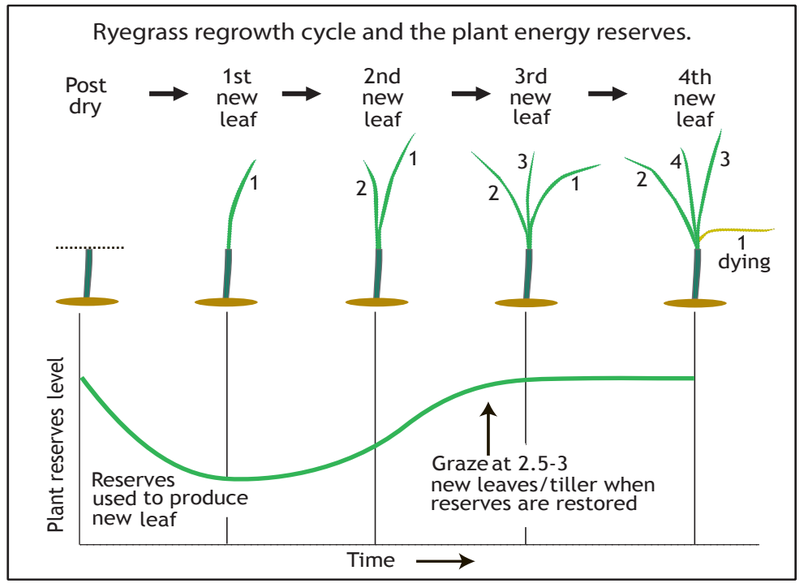
IMPROVING RYEGRASS PERSISTENCE

Introduction

The most commonly sown grass, ryegrass, needs to be well cared for to persist, and perform. If you look after it, it will look after you.

How to help pasture persist

1. Feed your pastures well. Soil phosphate and pH are particularly important for plant persistence. Ensure your soil fertility levels are correct, and keep them maintained.
2. Minimise plant death over summer. The most typical cause of plant death is a combination of moisture stress + overgrazing + insect feeding. For insect protection, use endophyte, combined with pasture cultivars bred for persistence. To avoid overgrazing in the dry a number of strategies help:
   - Sow summer crop (e.g. chicory, rape) to take pressure off pasture.
   - Have supplement on hand to feed out (or have access to supplement).
   - Plan ahead for key stock policy decisions to reduce feed demand (e.g. selling lambs store, milking once a day, selling trading stock).
   - Look after the best pastures - you can't look after every pasture, but look after your best and newest paddocks, as they'll grow fastest when rain comes.
3. Once it rains, don't change anything till pastures regrow. Grazing a pasture recovering from the dry too early can kill it – plants need 2-3 leaves per tiller so they have restored their reserves and will regrow quickly post-grazing.



4. Manage winter grazing to avoid damage from cattle. Spread stock out, or use a sacrifice area to keep them off your good paddocks. Use finer, denser ryegrass cultivars (like *Governor*) because they cover the ground and protect the soil better.
5. Consider other options. In very dry areas, alternative pastures may be better than ryegrass. Options include *Bareno* pasture brome and *Safin* cocksfoot.

Endophyte *NEA4, LE*

Stock Type Dairy, Sheep, Beef, Deer

MAXSYN
PERENNIAL RYEGRASS

Maxsyn NEA4 is the next level in perennial ryegrass for all farm systems – persistent, densely tillered, with superior summer and autumn growth, plus a great endophyte.

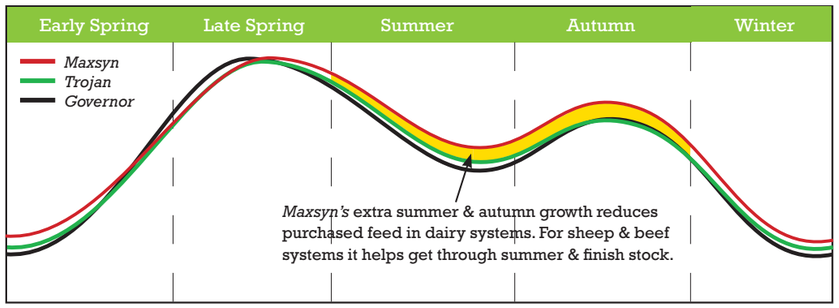
Highest total yield

Maxsyn is the next generation with the highest yield of any perennial ryegrass we've released.

Shines in summer & autumn

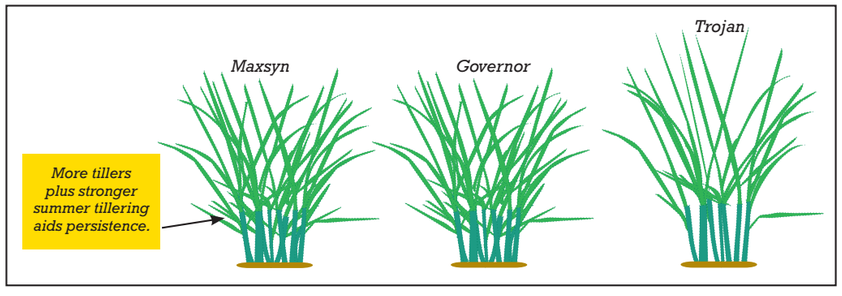
Maxsyn's strength is its warm season growth. It is easier to graze in spring (encouraging new daughter tillers) and has strong summer tillering, helping it persist.

Summer is a time most farm systems are short of feed, so extra pasture is highly valued. Visually you can see the difference, with *Maxsyn* holding its green colour longer into hot summer conditions.



Densely tillered

The more tillers a pasture has, the more robust and persistent it is. *Maxsyn* is denser than *Trojan,* and similar to *Governor.*



Superb pedigree

Maxsyn has excelled in our breeding and trial programme, particular on tough sites in the hotter climate of the upper North Island and on difficult soils.

Maxsyn began as a cross between elite *Alto* and *Arrow* ryegrass plants, with the top progeny from this combination then rigorously selected to become 'the best of the best'.

Its lineage is reflected in its name, which harks back to *Bronsyn,* the best-selling perennial ryegrass in the 2000s; and *Yatsyn 1*, the original game-changer.

1 + 1 = 3

Maxsyn and *NEA4* endophyte together add up to more than their parts. This combination is showing excellent persistence in the field under real life pressures such as moisture stress, heat, insects and overgrazing, sometimes all at once.

For dairy cows and beef, *Maxsyn NEA4* provides ryegrass staggers free pasture. For sheep and deer, ryegrass staggers grazing *NEA4* endophyte is a very low risk.

Sowing *Maxsyn*

Maxsyn's features mean it can improve farm systems in a range of situations.

Standard very high performance, persistent dairy pasture.

Dairy		kg/ha
Top performing palatable dairy pasture	*Maxsyn* perennial ryegrass	18-22
	Kotuku white clover	2
	Weka white clover	2
	Total	22-26

Extra palatability, easier management, higher per cow performance. Plantain to reduce N leaching.

Dairy		kg/ha
For highly palatable pasture with extra robustness	*Viscount* perennial ryegrass*	15
	Maxsyn perennial ryegrass	10
	Kotuku white clover	2
	Weka white clover	2
	Captain plantain	2
	Total	31

Standard very high performance, persistent all-round pasture*.

Sheep, Beef, Deer		kg/ha
Top performing, palatable pasture	*Maxsyn* perennial ryegrass	16-20
	Weka white clover	2
	Apex white clover	2
	Safin cocksfoot	2-3
	Total	22-27

* Although we have never seen staggers in sheep or deer grazing *NEA4*, a low level of staggers might occasionally be seen (in summer drought, and/or where animals are forced to graze close to the ground).

Endophyte *NEA2, Low*

Stock Type Dairy, Sheep, Beef, Deer

TROJAN
PERENNIAL RYEGRASS

Trojan has proven performance, having had the top star ranking for a diploid ryegrass in the Forage Value Index for the last 5 years. It combines this with excellent persistence; *NEA2* endophyte for animal health and insect control; high feed quality, and good resistance to plant pulling.

Top FVI star rating

Trojan NEA2 has proven its exceptional DM yield, spending the last 5 years in the DairyNZ Forage Value Index with the highest star ranking for a diploid ryegrass nationwide. Equally important is how it does this in the shoulders of the season, in winter/early spring and summer.

In this example cultivars in this top group, which are ranked alphabetically, provide $405-519/ha more operating profit each year than the 1 Star cultivars like *Nui* ryegrass on a typical dairy farm.

DairyNZ FVI perennial ryegrass list 2020 - Upper North Island*

FVI[1] (Star rating)	FVI Star Rating ($/ha)	Cultivar	Performance Values[2] (1-5 rating)				
			Dry matter (DM)				
			Winter	Early spring	Late spring	Summer	Autumn
★★★★★	$405 to $519	Avatar NEA	5	4	5	4	3
		Base AR37	5	4	5	5	4
		Excess AR37	5	5	4	5	5
		Legion AR37	5	5	5	5	5
		Platform AR37	4	5	4	5	5
		Prospect AR37	5	5	5	5	4
		SF Hustle AR1	4	5	5	5	4
→		Trojan NEA2	5	5	5	5	4
★★★★	$291 to $405	Governor AR1	4	5	5	5	4
		Governor AR37	4	4	4	5	5
		Halo AR37	5	4	3	4	4
		Matrix SE	4	5	4	5	4
		One50 AR37	5	4	4	5	5
		Raider NEA2	4	5	4	4	4
		Request AR37	5	5	5	4	4
		SF Moxie AR1	4	5	5	5	4
		Ultra AR1	4	4	4	4	4
★★★	$177 to $291	AberGreen AR1	3	3	5	4	4
		Base AR1	4	4	3	3	3
		Expo AR1	4	4	4	4	4
		Expo AR37	5	4	4	4	4
		Ohau AR37	5	4	5	2	3
		One50 AR1	4	4	3	4	4
		Rely AR37	5	4	4	3	4
★★	$63 to $177	AberMagic AR1	3	2	4	4	4
		Excess AR1	3	4	4	4	4
		Samson AR37	4	4	3	2	3
		Samson SE	4	4	4	3	4
★	$-51 to $63	Nui	3	4	3	2	3
		Pacific SE	3	4	5	2	3
		Rely AR1	4	3	2	3	3
		Rohan NEA2	4	3	2	3	4
	$-420 to $-51	AberGreen WE	1	1	1	2	2
		AberMagic WE	1	1	1	1	2
		Uncertif. P. Ryegrass	3	3	1	1	1

*The FVI lists are produced each year for four regions. Full lists at: www.dairynz.co.nz

Endophyte

Trojan contains *NEA2* endophyte, a mixture of different endophyte strains providing:

- Good control of adult black beetle and Argentine stem weevil.
- Very good control of pasture mealy bug (provisional rating).
- Moderate control of root aphid.

Feed quality

Trojan is late heading (+13 days) with a low level of aftermath heading, giving it better feed quality in late spring and summer. In trials for the DairyNZ Forage Value Index *Trojan* showed very high feed quality with an average 12.5 MJME/kg DM through the year.

Persistence

The persistence of *Trojan* has been excellent in trials. A couple of extreme tests of this were where *Trojan* persisted well in the Waikato, and recovered well after the severe 2007-08 summer drought. It also showed excellent persistence after five and a half years in the tough dryland Canterbury conditions at Mt. Possession, under average soil fertility and normal set stocking management with sheep.

Resistance

Trojan has good resistance to rust, and very good resistance to plant pulling.

Species classification

Trojan was bred as a perennial ryegrass and performs as one. It has a low level of tip awns (hairs) on its seed so under the seed certification regulations this means it is classified as *Lolium boucheanum*. In terms of pasture performance it is a perennial ryegrass.

Sowing *Trojan*

Dairy		kg/ha
Top performing palatable dairy pasture*	*Trojan* perennial ryegrass	18-22
	Kotuku white clover	2
	Weka white clover	2
	Captain CSP plantain	2
	Total	24-28
Sheep, Beef, Deer		**kg/ha**
Top performing, palatable pasture	*Trojan* perennial ryegrass	16-20
	Weka white clover	2
	Apex white clover	2
	Safin cocksfoot	2-3
	Total	22-27

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Endophyte *NEA2, Low*

Stock Type Sheep, Beef, Deer

ROHAN
SPREADING PERENNIAL RYEGRASS

Rohan spreading perennial ryegrass *(SPR)* was specifically bred to give sheep and beef farmers persistent, easy-care pasture. It has a unique spreading ability, very fine leaves and a dense habit. It has good palatability, is late flowering and comes with *NEA2* endophyte for great animal performance.

Spreading habit

Rohan SPR's spreading habit helps it fill bare areas in a pasture that may otherwise be occupied by weeds (see photo below). This means *Rohan SPR* competes against weed ingression.

The spreading habit also helps maintain ground cover and helps pastures recover from adverse climatic events, particularly extended dry periods, because it spreads to fill space where ryegrass tillers may have died.

Rohan SPR is not indestructible. Like all ryegrasses it will perform best under reasonable management and soil fertility. But its spreading habit improves persistence.

Rohan stolon spreading across the ground.

Sheep & beef system fit

The key with any pasture is matching a cultivar to a particular situation. So where does *Rohan SPR* fit? Looking at different pasture types across properties, based on persistence:

Pasture type	High animal performance	High yield, persistent pasture	More density & robustness	Persistence key requirement	Toughest, non-ryegrass situations
	Increasing persistence →				
Example	*Trojan/ Viscount Mix*	*Trojan*	*Governor* OR *Trojan/Rohan*	*Rohan SPR*	*Bareno Safin*
Description	***Trojan*** provides density and robustness, tetraploid ***Viscount*** adds high palatability driving animal intakes.	***Trojan*** provides an excellent balance of high DM yield and very good persistence, that will suit many situations.	***Governor*** is a fine, dense cultivar and provides a robust pasture with ***AR37*** or ***AR1*** endophyte. Mixing ***Rohan*** and ***Trojan*** gives a similar dense, robust pasture.	***Rohan SPR*** is a very persistent spreading ryegrass suited to hill country and tougher conditions.	Some situations are just too tough or dry for ryegrass. This is where ***Bareno*** pasture brome and ***Safin*** cocksfoot suit.

High yield in dry conditions

Under ideal conditions *Rohan SPR* does not have the same yield potential as cultivars such as *Trojan*, producing about 10% less. But under tough, dry conditions *Rohan* will likely persist and yield more over the life of a pasture.

'Easy care' pasture

Under semi-intensive to semi-extensive farm systems it is not easy to maintain pasture quality in late spring. Late heading cultivars help, but *Rohan SPR* is more than this, and in on-farm trials is showing 0.7 higher ME than some other cultivars in November and December. A continual comment from farmers with *Rohan SPR* is that it 'always looks good'. It stays greener and leafier and is often preferentially grazed.

Three year old Rohan SPR (green) sown beside Nui ryegrass (brown) in the same paddock in Central Otago. Rohan has been much better grazed by stock.

NEA2 & animal health

Rohan SPR with *NEA2* endophyte provides very low staggers risk pasture for sheep and staggers free pasture for cattle. In the 15 years we have sold *NEA2*, no ryegrass staggers have been seen in sheep or cattle on commercial farms.

Suggested seed mixes

Sheep, Beef, Deer		kg/ha
Top performing, palatable pasture	*Rohan* perennial ryegrass	16-20
	Weka white clover	2
	Apex white clover	2
	Safin cocksfoot	2-3
	Total	22-27

Sub clover(s) are often added to this mix.

Endophyte *AR1, Low*

Stock Type Sheep, Beef

TYSON
PERENNIAL RYEGRASS

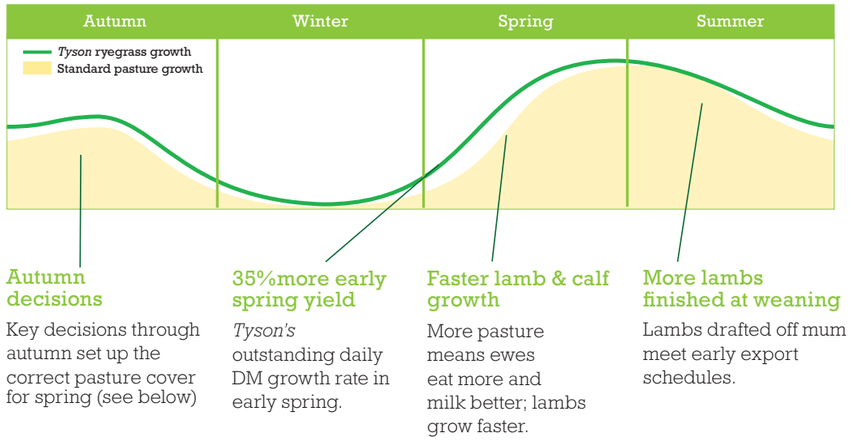
Tyson is a leap forward in perennial ryegrass genetics for red meat farmers. It provides 35% more early spring feed, while maintaining high yield throughout the year, making it ideal for sheep and beef breeding operations.

Sheep breeding system fit

With its superb early spring growth *Tyson* can feed breeding stock better through early lactation, meaning better lamb and calf growth, which in turn allows more lambs or calves to be finished off mum. This has always been a key goal for sheep and beef farmers because:

- Early lambs meet early export schedules typically at better prices.
- Weaning check is avoided (2 weeks lost LWG) and dressing out percentage is higher.
- Extra feed is freed up for other stock.

Getting the best from *Tyson*



Cover target for lambing

While *Tyson* has the genetic potential to grow extremely well in early spring, it needs to be managed correctly if farmers are to capture its full potential. It should be set stocked in spring at a **minimum** cover of 1200-1300 kg DM/ha (or 3-4 cm pasture height) for singles, 1500-1600 kg DM/ha (or 4-5 cm height) for twins, or 1700+ kg DM/ha for triplets through lambing.

Otherwise, *Tyson* won't have the leaves to capture enough sunlight to grow to its genetic potential, which is the science behind the saying 'grass grows grass.' Also as pasture height drops so does bite size, and although ewes take more bites both their pasture intake, and lamb growth rate, drop.

DM yield

Tyson has outstanding early spring growth in August and September, growing 35% more than the trial mean yield in inland Canterbury (altitude 190 m ASL). Total yield of *Tyson* over the year is excellent, with strong seasonal yield in summer and autumn.

The outstanding early growth of Tyson (left) stands out clearly in this trial. Photo taken in September.

Growth habit

Tyson is a fine leaved, densely tillered diploid perennial ryegrass suitable for both set stocking and rotational grazing.

Heading date

Tyson is the earliest heading of any perennial ryegrass on the market, with a -10 day heading date. For improved feed quality through the remainder of the season, *Tyson* was carefully selected for low aftermath heading.

Endophyte

Tyson is available with *AR1* endophyte, which provides very good control of Argentine stem weevil and pasture mealy bug, with no negative impacts on animal health. It is also available with *Low* endophyte.

Suggested seed mix

Sheep, Beef, Deer		kg/ha
For systems requiring more early spring feed	*Tyson* perennial ryegrass	16-20
	Apex white clover	2
	Weka white clover	2
	Morrow red clover (coated)	6
	Total	26-30

Possible additions

- *Captain CSP* plantain at 2 kg/ha – provides extra summer feed value, lasts 2-3 years.

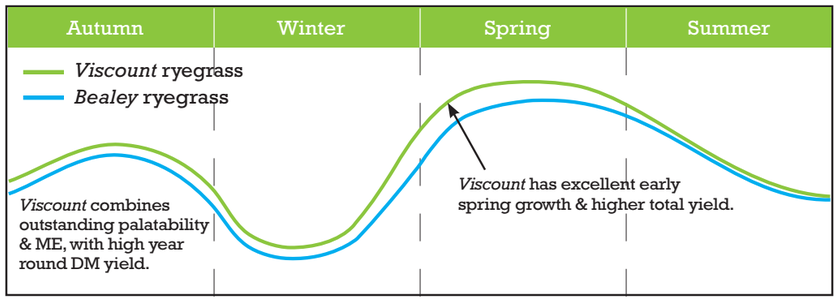
Endophyte *NEA4, Low*
Stock Type Dairy, Sheep, Beef, Deer

VISCOUNT
PERENNIAL RYEGRASS

Viscount is a standout tetraploid perennial ryegrass of the Barenbrug Agriseeds' plant breeding programme, with outstanding palatability, excellent early spring and total yield, improved rust resistance and high feed quality. *Viscount* has been upgraded to *NEA4* endophyte.

Seasonal growth

Viscount is late heading (+9 days). It has excellent early spring growth, coinciding with late calving or lambing when feed is most valuable. For dairy farmers extra grass at this time of year has been valued at $0.46/kg DM in the DairyNZ Forage Value Index.



Feed quality

Viscount provides high quality very palatable feed, with reduced aftermath heading and improved rust tolerance. It is more upright for ease of harvest, allowing good clover content and boosting animal performance.

NEA4 endophyte

Viscount comes with *NEA4* endophyte, which improves its persistence through better ASW, black beetle and root aphid control. *Viscount NEA4* provides excellent animal performance with a very low risk of animal health problems such as ryegrass staggers.

Suggested seed mix

Dairy		kg/ha
For high feed quality and high yields	*Viscount* perennial ryegrass*	30
	Kotuku white clover	2
	Weka white clover	2
	Captain CSP plantain	2
	Total	36

Mixing diploid & tetraploid ryegrasses

Dairy, Sheep, Beef		kg/ha
For highly palatable pasture with extra robustness. (See page 98)	*Viscount* perennial ryegrass*	15
	Trojan perennial ryegrass	10
	Kotuku white clover	2
	Weka white clover	2
	Total	29

Sheep, Beef		kg/ha
For high feed value pasture ideal for finishing	*Viscount* perennial ryegrass*	30
	Weka white clover	2
	Apex white clover	2
	Morrow red clover (coated)	6
	Total	40

* Tetraploids are sown at a higher rate than diploids, because of their larger seed.

MIXING TETRAPLOID & DIPLOID RYEGRASS

Summary

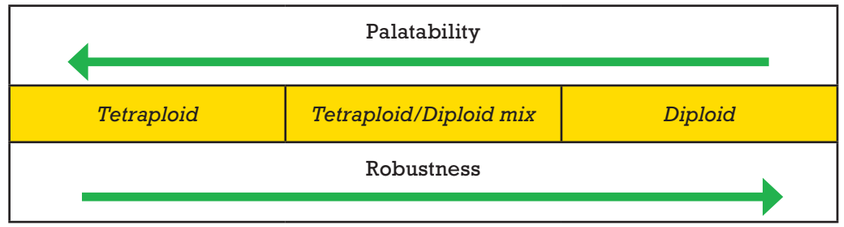
Mixing *Viscount* with a diploid perennial ryegrass such as *Trojan, Governor* or *Maxsyn* offers potential to produce higher animal performance, with easier pasture management, than traditional pasture.

This tetraploid/diploid mix fits a range of farm systems as it is more persistent than a straight tetraploid pasture, because diploid plants protect the tetraploid.

Background

On many farms the tetraploid/diploid perennial ryegrass mix is now the norm striking a near-ideal balance between pasture palatability and robustness, growing more energy (MJ ME/ha) and being easier to manage than straight diploid perennial ryegrass.

Tetraploid perennial ryegrass, like *Viscount,* has excellent DM yield and year-round growth, but being so palatable, many farmers have struggled to avoid over grazing and achieve the persistence they want. Adding a denser, finer diploid ryegrass to the mix changes the dynamics.



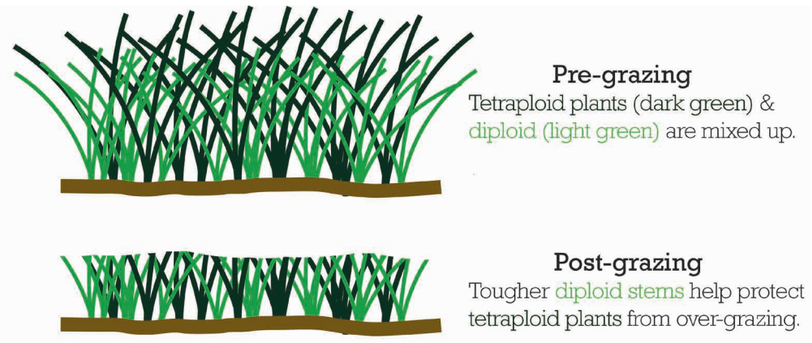
The tetraploid/diploid mix is an average of the two types, denser and more robust than a straight tetraploid, and more palatable than a straight diploid.

Palatability & stems

The palatability of the pasture is due to *Viscount's* soft stems, which give improved animal performance and hold quality even at high covers (e.g. 3500-3600 kg DM/ha) making them easy to graze.

While straight tetraploid pastures are often overgrazed, reducing persistence, in the mix they are protected by the denser, less palatable, diploid plants.

Diploid protects from overgrazing



Sowing rate

Barenbrug Agriseeds has tested different tetraploid/diploid perennial ryegrass mixes and recommends sowing half the normal rate of each cultivar, e.g.15 kg/ha of tetraploid *Viscount* (half of 30 kg) plus 10 kg/ha of a diploid such as *Trojan, Governor* or *Maxsyn* (half of 20 kg).

Endophyte *AR37, AR1, LE*
Stock Type Dairy, Sheep, Beef, Deer*
**AR37* isn't recommended for deer or horses*

GOVERNOR
PERENNIAL RYEGRASS

Governor combines genetics from two of Barenbrug Agriseeds' most popular previous cultivars to set a new standard for an all-round pasture, with outstanding survival and excellent DM yield on the shoulders of the season.

Genetic legacy

The persistence of *Bronsyn*, with the high DM yield and palatability of *Tolosa*, make *Governor* ideal for dairy, sheep and beef systems.

Persistent

Governor has shown outstanding survival through drought and high insect pressure under grazing in farm trials across the country. Fine, densely tillered and diploid, we believe it is the premium *AR37* cultivar of choice for persistence. It is also available with *AR1* endophyte for parts of the lower North Island and the South Island where *AR37* isn't required.

Seasonal growth

A key feature is *Governor's* ability to grow more DM on the shoulders of the season, in early spring and autumn, when it is most needed.

All-rounder

With a +8 days heading date, low aftermath heading (similar to *Alto*) and better rust resistance than its parents, *Governor* is the reliable, persistent all-rounder.

Where to sow

Pasture type	High animal performance	High yield, persistent pasture	More density & robustness	Persistence key requirement	Toughest, non-ryegrass situations
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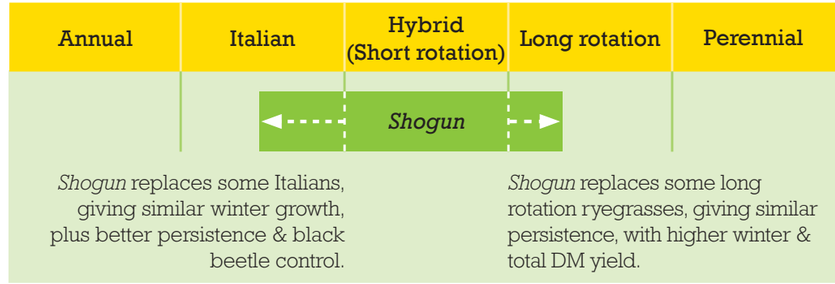
Endophyte *NEA, Low*
Stock Type Dairy, Sheep, Beef, Deer

SHOGUN
HYBRID RYEGRASS

Shogun has created a new position in the market for hybrid ryegrass. Winter growth is equal to many Italian ryegrasses, and *Shogun* outyields many perennials during summer. Persistence is excellent for a hybrid, with *NEA* endophyte for insect protection.

Shogun redefines ryegrass categories



High yield

In trials *Shogun* has significantly out-yielded other hybrid cultivars. As well as excellent cool season growth, it has exceptional summer and autumn yield.

Hybrid Ryegrass: All New Zealand trials (yields by season as percentage of Mean and LSI)

Entry	Number of Trials	Winter % of Mean	Winter LSI	Early Spring % of Mean	Early Spring LSI	Late Spring % of Mean	Late Spring LSI	Summer % of Mean	Summer LSI	Autumn % of Mean	Autumn LSI	Total % of Mean	Total LSI
Shogun NEA	13	116.9	6.6	108.3	5.1	106.7	3.8	113.0	4.0	108.9	6.3	109.9	4.2
Ohau AR37	5	94.1	11.3	100.6	8.8	100.4	6.6	95.6	6.9	107.4	10.9	99.9	7.3
Ohau AR1	7	89.4	9.7	98.8	7.5	102.5	5.6	95.6	5.9	93.9	9.3	97.3	6.2
Asset AR37	8	99.6	8.9	92.2	7.0	90.4	5.2	95.8	5.5	89.8	8.6	92.8	5.7
Mean (kg DM/ha)	**14**	**938**		**1886**		**3022**		**2569**		**1888**		**10303**	

NFVT Summary 1991 – 2019 (August 2019). If two means differ by more than the sum of their least significant intervals (LSI), they are significantly different at the 5% level

Fast establishment

Shogun's fast establishment is comparable to that of an Italian ryegrass. This allows paddocks resown with *Shogun* to be brought back into the grazing rotation more quickly than those renewed with perennial or other hybrid ryegrasses.

Black beetle control

Shogun with *NEA* endophyte has good control of black beetle, equal to *Viscount NEA4*. For more see page 48.

2-5 year option

Under good grazing management *Shogun* is a 2-3 year option in summer dry areas, 3-5 years in summer moist. Persistence is aided by its *NEA* endophyte.

Great animal health

NEA endophyte is one of the most animal safe endophytes available. However, there is a low risk of *NEA* endophyte causing a low level of ryegrass staggers in sheep or deer in extreme situations (where animals are forced to graze right into the base of a pasture in very summer dry conditions).

Feed quality

Shogun has excellent summer quality, with a very late heading date (+13 days) and little aftermath heading or seeding through the summer.

Palatability

When sheep or cattle like a pasture, they eat more of it, and liveweight gains (LWG) increase. *Shogun* delivers high animal intakes and growth rates.

Suggested seed mixes

Dairy		kg/ha
High performance 3-5 year pasture	*Shogun* hybrid ryegrass	30
	Kotuku white clover	2
	Weka white clover	2
	Total	34
Undersowing as fast establishing 2-3 year pasture (with black beetle control)	*Shogun* hybrid ryegrass	13-20*
	Total	13-20*
Sheep, Beef, Deer		**kg/ha**
High performance finishing pasture	*Shogun* hybrid ryegrass	30
	Weka white clover	2
	Apex white clover	2
	Morrow red clover (coated)	6
	Total	40

*Sowing rate depends on how thin pasture to be undersown is. Tetraploids are sown at a higher rate than diploids, because of their larger seed.

Extreme palatability differences in animal testing trials in spring, when there were no fences between plots set stocked with lambing ewes. Shogun NEA is front left and back right; Alto SE ryegrass is front right and back left.

TABU+
ITALIAN RYEGRASS

Tabu+ was bred to supersede the best selling *Tabu,* with significantly higher total DM yield. *Tabu+* is nutritious, with explosive establishment speed and superior cool season growth.

Multi-use

Tabu+ is suitable as an 8-12 month high performance crop; can last 2-3 years in areas with mild summers, or can be used for undersowing into run out pasture to boost winter-spring growth. In dense pastures spraying before drilling is recommended. Note: In situations where a pasture is required for 12+ months *Shogun NEA* may be a better option.

High DM yield

Tabu+ is the top yielding Italian ryegrass in the National Forage Variety Trials (NFVT) with significantly more winter growth. It is out yielded only by *Shogun NEA* hybrid ryegrass.

Italian Ryegrass: All New Zealand trials (yields by season as a percentage of Mean and LSI)

Entry	Number of Trials	Establishment Autumn		Winter		Early Spring		Late Spring		Summer		Total	
		% of Mean	LSI	% of Mean	LSI	% of Mean	LSI	% of Mean	LSI	% of Mean	LSI	% of Mean	LSI
Shogun NEA	9	98.2	5.7	96.8	4.8	106.7	4.0	113.1	4.1	122.0	7.1	110.4	3.5
Tabu+ WE	6	105.9	6.7	110.6	5.7	105.4	4.7	106.2	4.9	111.5	8.4	108.0	4.1
Asset AR37	18	100.8	4.0	103.2	3.4	98.0	2.8	98.4	2.9	112.0	5.0	102.9	2.4
Supercruise WE	10	107.0	5.4	106.6	4.6	96.7	3.8	103.5	3.9	102.6	6.8	102.7	3.3
Lush AR37	12	106.4	4.9	102.4	4.1	99.0	3.4	94.7	3.5	106.4	6.1	101.0	3.0
Jackpot WE	7	99.9	6.3	101.4	5.3	100.5	4.5	101.0	4.6	99.8	7.9	100.5	3.8
Vibe WE	8	104.2	6.1	98.1	5.1	95.2	4.3	100.3	4.4	100.9	7.6	99.6	3.7
Feast II WE	36	98.9	2.8	98.9	2.4	99.4	2.0	98.7	2.0	99.2	3.5	99.0	1.7
Blade WE	10	105.0	5.3	99.8	4.5	101.6	3.8	97.4	3.9	93.0	6.7	98.3	3.2
Mona WE	9	98.0	5.6	97.6	4.8	102.2	4.0	100.2	4.1	92.9	7.0	98.1	3.4
Asset WE	6	94.5	6.6	96.8	5.6	96.5	4.7	99.0	4.8	100.0	8.3	97.9	4.0
Sonik WE	9	96.3	5.5	99.4	4.7	102.2	3.9	97.9	4.0	93.0	7.0	97.4	3.4
Moata WE	24	85.2	3.5	88.4	3.0	96.8	2.5	89.6	2.5	66.7	4.4	84.3	2.1
Mean (kg DM/ha)	**79**	**1716**		**1777**		**2932**		**4127**		**3874**		**14426**	

NFVT Summary 1991 – 2018 (August 2018)
LSI (Least Significant Interval) - If two means differ by more than the sum of their LSI, they are significantly different at the 5% level

2000% ROI

Tabu+ produced an extra 3.4t DM/ha over *Moata* as a 12 month crop. For an additional seed cost (e.g. $50/ha) for *Tabu+*, that equates to a 2000% ROI, given this extra feed is valued at about $0.30/kg DM or an extra $1020/ha operating profit (value calculated from the DairyNZ FVI).

Soaks up winter N

The more winter growth in a farm system, the more N captured before it leaves the soil. *Tabu+* hits its peak in May-August, and its super-fast cool season growth pulls up more N than slower growing pastures.

Sowing *Tabu+*

Winter ryegrass crop		kg/ha
	Tabu+ Italian ryegrass	18-22
Winter ryegrass crop with annual clovers		**kg/ha**
	Tabu+ Italian ryegrass	18-22
	Vista balansa clover	2-4
	Total	20-26
2-3 year pasture option		**kg/ha**
	Tabu+ Italian ryegrass	18-22
	Morrow red clover (coated)	6
	Kotuku or *Apex* white clover	2
	Weka white clover	2
	Total	28-32
Undersowing		**kg/ha**
	Tabu+ Italian ryegrass	10-15*
	Kotuku or *Apex* white clover	1.5
	Weka white clover	1.5
	Total	13-18

*Sowing rate varies depending on how thin pasture to be undersown is.

Tabu+ has explosive establishment speed and cool season growth.

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HOGAN
ANNUAL RYEGRASS

Hogan sets a new standard for annual ryegrass. It produces 1 t DM/ha more than the old, widely sown cultivar *Tama*, extra growth which is worth up to $380/ha.

High value

Hogan establishes rapidly and out produces 30+ year old *Tama* by 1 t DM/ha. *Hogan's* advantage is valued by the 2018 DairyNZ Forage Value Index at $380/ha extra profit, i.e. a 10 fold return on the extra $35-$45/ha it costs to sow *Hogan* over *Tama*.

Fast establishment

Hogan is a tetraploid bred for rapid establishment (21% faster than *Tama*) to provide fast feed in autumn, a critical advantage particularly following dry summers.

Hogan is in the top ranking for annual ryegrass in the National Forage Variety Trials.

Annual Ryegrass: All New Zealand trials (yields by season as percentage of Mean and LSI)

Entry	Number of Trials	Establishment Autumn		Winter		Early Spring		Late Spring		Total	
		% of Mean	LSI	% of Mean	LSI	% of Mean	LSI	% of Mean	LSI		
Hogan WE	**7**	**108.3**	**6.5**	**106.0**	**5.4**	**100.5**	**4.5**	**106.7**	**5.2**	**105.0**	**3.7**
Dash WE	7	99.9	6.6	100.7	5.5	107.7	4.6	107.8	5.2	105.2	3.6
Zoom WE	5	99.7	7.7	102.4	6.4	100.9	5.4	104.9	6.1	102.4	4.3
Winter Star II WE	7	102.7	6.4	102.7	5.3	102.7	4.5	101.5	5.1	102.3	3.6
Tama WE	17	87.0	4.1	97.2	3.4	94.8	2.8	92.2	3.2	93.0	2.3
Progrow WE	9	102.4	5.9	90.9	4.9	93.5	4.1	86.9	4.7	92.1	3.3
Mean (kg DM/ha)	79	1661		1757		2903		3676		9996	

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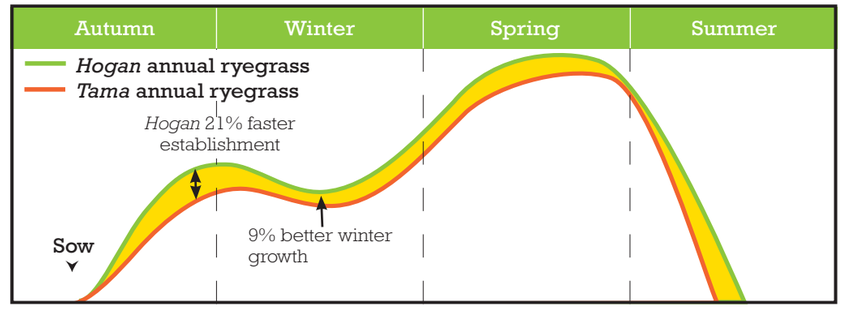

Sowing rate

Hogan annual ryegrass can be sown alone, or mixed with oats or turnips as a winter crop.

Dairy, Sheep, Beef, Deer		kg/ha
For winter crop	*Hogan* annual ryegrass*	30
	Total	30
Winter ryegrass crop with annual clovers	*Hogan* annual ryegrass	26-30
	Laser Persian clover	4
	Vista balansa clover	3
	Total	33-37

* Tetraploids are sown at a higher rate than diploids, because of their larger seed.

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Stock Type Sheep, Beef, Deer

BARENO
BROME

Bareno is persistent, high yielding and very palatable. Paddocks of *Bareno* are assets in a dryland farm system as they persist much better than perennial ryegrass, tolerating dry conditions and hard grazing.

Easy management

Bareno is quite different to other bromes, and more flexible in its management. It is more persistent than prairie grass and can tolerate both rotational grazing and set stocking. *Bareno's* persistence may decline north of Taupo, so it is not as suited to northern North Island regions.

Highly palatable

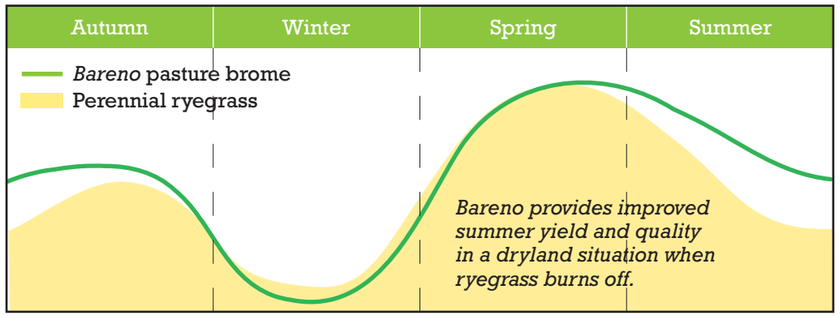
A strong feature of *Bareno* is its palatability through all seasons:

- It remains palatable, even when seed heads are present, and stays greener and leafier than ryegrass in summer.
- *Bareno* can support a high legume content (40% sub and white clover has been measured in spring).

High yield

On Lincoln University's Silverwood Farm, a dryland breeding property in inland Canterbury, *Bareno* produced 12.5 t DM/ha/year, 9% more than new sowings of perennial ryegrass (11.5 t DM/ha), with excellent spring, summer and autumn growth.

Seasonal growth



Sow early

Brome grasses are slower to establish than ryegrass, so make sure to:

- Sow when warm - soil temperature 12°C+.
- Prepare a good seedbed, preferably using a summer fallow (see page 32 for more).

Sowing *Bareno*

Sheep, Beef, Deer		kg/ha
Persistent dryland pasture	*Bareno* pasture brome	25-32*
	Can be added:	
	Safin cocksfoot Sub clover *Apex* white clover *Morrow* red clover	Inclusion of species depends on situation. Seek advice if unsure.

**Bareno* sowing rate high because brome grasses have large seeds.

BARENO MANAGEMENT

Growing *Bareno*

Brome grasses are slower to establish than ryegrass. If you spend a little extra time on correct sowing and early management, you'll be rewarded with good results.

Preparation

A summer fallow prior to late summer/early autumn sowing is the recommended best practice to establish *Bareno* pasture in dry areas. This allows moisture to be carried from the spring through to sowing, ensuring good results even in a dry autumn. Prepare a run-out paddock by spraying out or cultivating in spring (Oct/Nov) before pastures dry out. If there is a further weed strike, spray or cultivate lightly again before drilling.

If cultivating, prepare a fine, even, weed-free seed bed to allow correct seed depth and soil moisture retention for fast germination. Direct drilling has proven to be very successful. This fits well with summer fallow management.

Timing

Bareno is best sown when soil temperatures are above 12°C, during late summer or early autumn. This gives plants time to adequately establish before winter. Establishment is much slower in cool conditions.

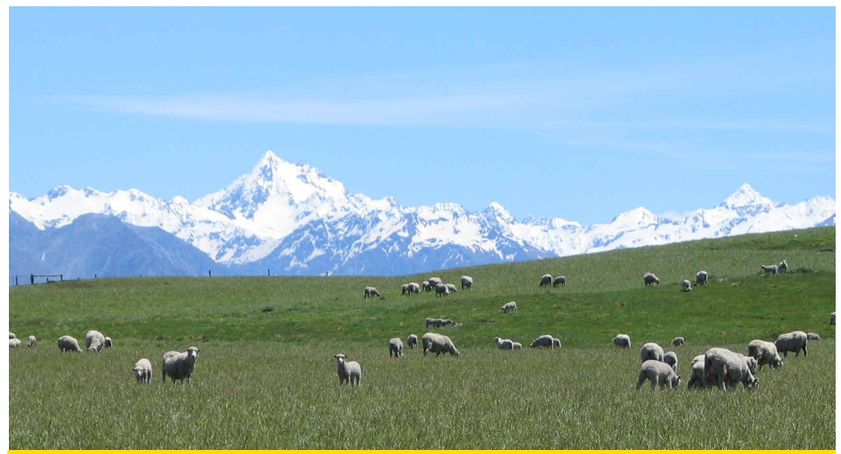
Drilling

Sow seed shallow, at 10-20 mm. Take care when drilling - the seed may not flow well through some drills.

Managing *Bareno*

Bareno should not be overgrazed in its first year to allow plants to fully establish. *Bareno* can set seed quickly, however seed heads are much more palatable than those of other pasture grasses.

In dry summer conditions, *Bareno* pastures should not be bared out (although they will tolerate this better than ryegrass). Post-grazing covers of 3-4 cm will ensure persistence and regrowth through summer. Remember the plant's reserves in grasses are above the ground (not in the roots).



Bareno pasture brome is a persistent, easy to manage pasture, seen here at Mt. Possession in Canterbury.

SAFIN

SUPERFINE COCKSFOOT

Safin is an innovative super-fine leaved cocksfoot which will change farmers' perceptions about this type of grass. Traditional cocksfoot gained a bad reputation for becoming clumpy and unpalatable, eventually dominating swards. *Safin* sets a new standard, looking almost as fine as ryegrass. This is an exciting development for dryland farmers.

More clover

Safin doesn't spread across the ground and choke out clovers like traditional cocksfoot. This means it encourages higher clover populations as well as being easier to graze.

Early growth (with high total DM)

A key feature of *Safin* is its increased production in winter and early spring. DM growth is critical through lambing or calving for dryland farming systems, to finish stock prior to potential summer dry conditions. *Safin* has an advantage through this period, as shown below, and in the paddock it is noticeably faster to get away in spring.

Over the whole year total DM production of *Safin* is very good.

Cocksfoot yields in Canterbury*

Entry	Winter	Early spring	Late spring	Summer	Autumn	Total
Safin	**123 a**	**124 a**	**104 a**	**105 a**	**119 a**	**110 a**
Ella	90 b	101 b	100 a	114 a	111 a	106 a
Wana	82 b	117 ab	96 a	106 a	113 a	104 a
Vision	96 ab	108 ab	106 a	98 a	95 a	102 a
Kara	109 ab	107 ab	95 a	105 a	98 a	102 a
LSD (5%)	32	22	10	17	41	13

* Combined analysis of 2 trials run on Barenbrug Agriseeds Research farm, Courtenay, between 2004 and 2009.

Tiller density

Safin is a 'superfine' cocksfoot, which in fact looks very similar to ryegrass. It is finer and denser than other cocksfoots on the market, with significantly more tillers as shown in the table below. On its release *Ella* was considered fine leaved, but *Safin* sets a new benchmark, with 41% more tillers than *Ella*.

Cocksfoot tiller density in Canterbury dryland grazing trial

Entry	Tillers/m²	Relative to *Ella* at 100%
Safin	**431 a**	**141 %**
Ella	305 b	100 %
Tekapo	303 b	91 %
Greenly	270 b	81 %
Vision	270 b	81 %
Kara	245 b	73 %
Trial mean	334	95
LSD (5%)	70	23

Pest control

Once established *Safin* is tolerant to grass grub and Argentine stem weevil (ASW) attack. However, seedlings are susceptible at sowing and *AGRICOTE Grass* seed treatment is recommended where these pests are a risk. Cocksfoot has no endophyte and is therefore safe to graze low over summer.

Managing *Safin*

Cocksfoot is slower to establish than ryegrass. In a ryegrass-based pasture little cocksfoot is often seen until the first summer after it has been sown, after which the content of cocksfoot will increase, especially under dry conditions.

If sowing a specialist cocksfoot-based pasture, sow early while soil temperatures are above 12°C. A summer fallow, to conserve moisture prior to a late summer/early autumn sowing, is recommended in (potentially) autumn dry conditions.

Cocksfoot is lower in feed value and palatability than ryegrass if it becomes long or rank, so it should be kept short and leafy through spring. Graze cocksfoot when it has 3-4 leaves/tiller to maintain good feed value. The feed value of cocksfoot declines if it grows to 5 leaves/tiller. In grazing trials, animal performance is reasonably good where cocksfoot has been kept leafy. Maintaining good legume content in cocksfoot pastures will also improve animal performance.

Cocksfoot is more tolerant of low-moderate soil fertility than perennial ryegrass. However, it is very responsive to nitrogen fertiliser, generally at higher response rates than ryegrass, and this can be a very useful tool to promote growth, as well as improving feed value and protein content.

Sowing *Safin*

Sheep, Beef, Deer		kg/ha
As component of pasture mix	*Safin* cocksfoot	3
For cocksfoot-based pasture	*Safin* cocksfoot	8-10
	Sub clover	6-8
	Apex white clover	2
	Weka white clover	2
	Total	18-22

Older, traditional cocksfoot (left) can form unpalatable clumps in a pasture, compared to superfine Safin cocksfoot (right).

KOTUKU
WHITE CLOVER

Kotuku is a very high yielding large leaved white clover with superior summer growth. It establishes quickly, has good persistence, and suits both dairying and sheep/beef finishing systems.

Why *Kotuku?*

White clover is critical for nutritive value and N fixation in pastures. It is also an important source of protein and ME for milking and growing stock, particularly in summer. *Kotuku* shows excellent seasonal growth, and outperforms all other trialled cultivars over the critical summer period.

High yield

This mixed sward trial included one entry without clover (no clover). The effect of clover on N fixation and yield is seen in the trial, with *Kotuku* showing particularly good yield due to its compatibility with ryegrass.

Seasonal DM yield data 2013-2016, Courtenay, Canterbury. Trial mean = 100.

Entry	Autumn	Winter	Early Spring	Late Spring	Summer	Total
Kotuku	**117 a**	**107 bc**	**107 ab**	**109 a**	**121 a**	**114 a**
Kopu II	114 a	115 a	112 a	109 a	110 b	111 ab
Kotare	105 bc	106 c	108 a	111 a	108 bc	106 bc
Tribute	102 bc	105 c	109 a	107 ab	102 bd	105 c
SF Quest	106 b	114 ab	111 a	105 ac	98 d	104 cd
Mainstay	110 ab	101 cd	100 c	99 bd	102 bd	102 cd
Weka	99 cd	97 de	100 bc	106 ac	101 cd	100 de
Bounty	94 de	88 f	92 d	97 cd	102 cd	97 e
Huia	88 e	91 ef	92 d	95 d	97 d	95 e
No clover	46 f	67 g	59 e	55 e	29 e	44 f
Trial mean (kgDM/ha)	1765	721	970	1659	3101	8509
Signficance	***	***	***	***	***	***

*Data from Courtney, Canterbury, 2013-2016. Statistical significance lettering is given, yields with the same letter are not significantly different at the 5% LSD level.

High-yielding Kotuku suits both dairying and red meat finishing systems.

Persistence

Kotuku has demonstrated robust persistence for a large leaved cultivar, and has a medium stolon density. This makes it well-suited to driving summer production in dairying and dry stock finishing systems.

Fast establishment

Kotuku has consistently shown fast establishment. This can assist with broadleaf herbicide applications, where new clovers need to be at the 3-4 trifoliate leaf stage.

Establishment speed of Kotuku (left) versus Mainstay.

Suggested seed mixes

Dairy		kg/ha
Top performing palatable dairy pasture	*Trojan NEA2* perennial ryegrass	18-22
	Kotuku white clover	2
	Weka white clover	2
	Total	22-26
Sheep, Beef & Deer		**kg/ha**
High feed value tetraploid pasture for finishing	*Viscount NEA4* perennial ryegrass	30
	Kotuku white clover	2
	Weka white clover	2
	Morrow red clover (coated)	6
	Total	40

WEKA
WHITE CLOVER

Weka is a medium leaved high yielding white clover suited to all grazing systems. It has a high stolon density, a strong spreading habit, and excellent tolerance to clover root weevil (CRW).

High yield

In trials *Weka* has shown very high total yield, with good growth in all seasons, particularly through autumn and winter.

Yield scores of medium-large leaved clovers 2003-08*

Cultivar	Autumn	Winter	Early spring	Late spring	Summer	Total
Weka	**6.1 a**	**5.2 a**	**5.8 a**	**6.0 a**	**5.8 a**	**5.8 a**
Tribute	5.6 ab	4.4 a	5.7 a	5.9 a	5.8 a	5.5 a
Sustain	4.6 b	4.5 a	4.8 b	5.2 b	5.2 a	5.0 b

*Combines yield scores over 4 trials in the Waikato 2004-08 & 2005-08, & Canterbury 2003-06 & 2005-08. Yield scored on 1-9 basis, where 9 = very high yield. Yields with same letter not significantly different at 5% LSD level.

Persistence

Weka has excellent persistence because of its high tolerance to CRW, dry conditions, pugging and hard grazing, and its strong spreading habit. Yield scores under high levels of CRW attack show *Weka* is a very good choice for these conditions.

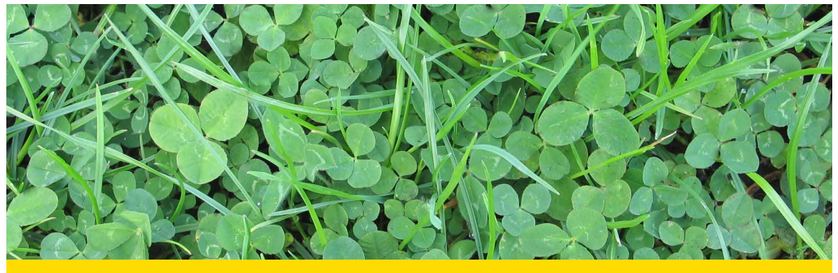
Yield of medium-large leaved clovers under CRW attack*

Cultivar	Yield under CRW attack
Weka	**5.5 a**
Tribute	4.9 b
Sustain	4.1 c

*Combines 5 yield scores over 2 Waikato trials in 2006 & 2007 in periods of high CRW damage. Yield scored 1-9, where 9 = very high yield. Yields with same letter not significantly different at 5% LSD level.

Sowing *Weka*

All systems		kg/ha
Productive, persistent clover combination	Perennial ryegrass	18-30
	Weka white clover	2
	Kotuku or *Apex* white clover	2
	Total	22-34



Weka's strong spreading habit and high CRW tolerance help it persist.

APEX
WHITE CLOVER

Apex is a breakthrough in persistent high yielding clover, adapted to summer dry conditions, with good clover root weevil tolerance.

Medium small leaf size

Apex has a medium-small leaf size, with significantly more stolon growing points than traditional cultivars like *Huia*, for improved drought and pest tolerance.

Good persistence

A key feature of *Apex* is its improved persistence. A four year trial under grazing in the Waikato showed *Apex* has excellent persistence into the fourth year, with the highest fourth year yields.

High yield

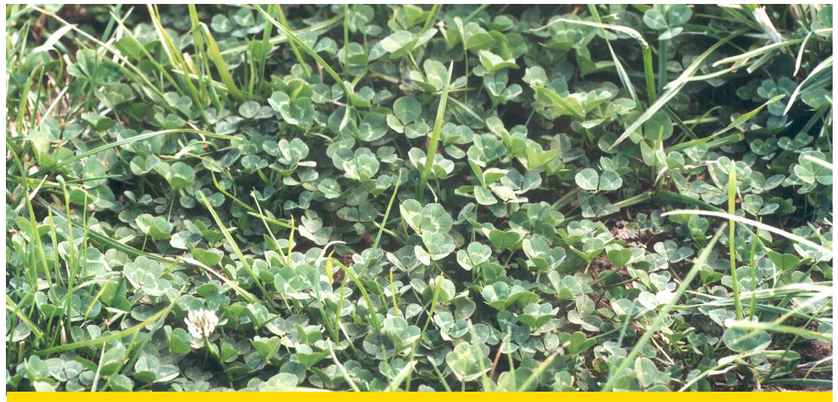
Apex has shown high yields in sheep grazing trials, particularly in winter, spring and autumn.

Yield in three Manawatu sheep grazing trials (*Huia* = 100)*

Cultivar	Winter	Spring	Summer	Autumn
Apex	**156 a**	**139 a**	**108 a**	**127 a**
Huia	100 b	100 b	100 a	100 b
LSD (5%)	22	18	15	18

* Woodfield et al. NZ Grassland Association 63: 103-108

Spreading growth



Apex spreads strongly across bare ground, increasing legume content.

Sowing *Apex*

Sheep, Beef & Deer		kg/ha
For more clover in grazing systems	Perennial ryegrass (e.g. *Rohan*)	18-20
	Safin cocksfoot	2-3
	Apex white clover	2
	Weka white clover	2
	Total	24-27

MORROW
MS RED CLOVER

Morrow multi-stemmed (MS) red clover was bred for improved grazing tolerance, and high yield under grazing. It has a high stem count, and a deep tap root.

Breeding

Morrow comes from a tough family. Most red clovers wouldn't last long under intensive rotational dairy grazing on light, summer dry upper North Island soils. But *Morrow's* parents did. Over time, they adapted, survived, and stood out as good growers, even after repeated droughts.

We took plants from these old pastures, and selected the best of them for high yield, persistence and flowering to create a game-changing, multi-stemmed red clover for improved production and persistence under grazing.

Longevity

Red clover's biggest drawback has always been limited persistence under grazing. *Morrow's* improved grazing tolerance – helped by its semi-prostrate form and high stem count - means it will keep boosting production year on year. Like all red clovers *Morrow* will persist best on free-draining soils under a longer summer grazing round.

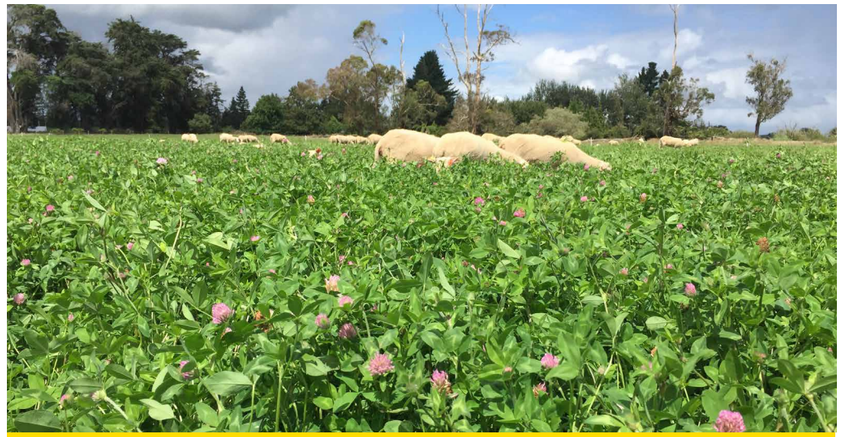
Yield + quality when it counts

High ME and high DM together create ideal late spring and summer finishing feed, giving high quality as grass ME drops off, and driving rapid liveweight gains for lambs and cattle.

Red clover seasonal yield in dryland Canterbury*

Entry	Early Spring	Late Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter	Total yield
Morrow	6.4 a	7.0 a	7.4 a	7.7 a	5.4 a	6.8 a
Tuscan	6.1 ab	6.7 a	5.5 b	6.0 ab	6.1 a	6.1 ab
Rossi	5.2 ac	5.7 ab	5.3 bc	6.3 ab	5.5 a	5.5 b
Relish	4.3 c	4.3 b	3.7 c	5.3 b	3.0 b	4.0 c
Trial mean	4.9	5.6	5.4	5.8	4.4	5.3
%CV	20.1	18.0	16.5	18.4	21.3	12.8

*Data from 2 years of pure sward trial, grazed by sheep. Trial sown 2016. Yield visually scored on 1-9 basis, where 9 = highest yield.



Morrow's excellent summer yield and feed quality make it ideal for stock finishing.

CRW tolerance

Clover root weevil remains a pest of white clover throughout NZ, particularly in Northland where the biocontrol wasp hasn't established. Red clover is tolerant of clover root weevil, providing pasture species diversity and extra legume content.

Free N

Red clover fixes its own nitrogen, adding it naturally to pastures in a slow, continual way. This will be ever more important to provide N on farm, as fertiliser comes under increasing environmental scrutiny. *Morrow* can fix over 200 kgN/ha based on its yield (about 25 kg/N per t DM grown).

Phyto-oestrogen levels

Morrow has medium oestrogen levels. This means care needs to be taken to avoid grazing when mating ewes or hoggets, 3-6 weeks either side of mating.

Suggested seed mix

All systems		**kg/ha**
Productive, persistent clover combination	Perennial ryegrass	18-30
	Morrow red clover(coated)	6
	Kotuku or *Apex* white clover	2
	Total	26-38
Sheep, Beef, Deer		**kg/ha**
Two year high LWG finishing crop	*Captain* plantain	10
	Laser Persian clover	4
	Vista balansa clover	3
	Morrow red clover (coated)	6
	Weka white clover	4
	Total	27
Perennial ryegrass - Finishing		**kg/ha**
Fanatastic feed quality combined with animal performance.	*Viscount* tetraploid perennial ryegrass	24
	Weka white clover	2
	Apex white clover	2
	Morrow red clover (coated)	6
	Captain plantain	2
	Total	36

AGRICOTE SEED TREATMENT

AGRICOTE helps ensure good even establishment of new pastures and crops.

Best possible start

Establishment is a critical time for a new pasture or crop as its potential performance is determined in this early stage. Different *AGRICOTE* seed coatings aid establishment by helping protect your seedling plants from insects and fungal diseases and by supplying nutrients to clovers.

If you have a pasture or crop that fails, the main cost (usually 75-80%) is the lost feed. There is also an additional cost in resowing as the example below shows.

Example - cost of a pasture failure.

What happens	Autumn pasture fails to establish
Cost of lost DM	Loss of 5 t DM/ha production (from April – September) = $1500/ha (valued at 30c/kg DM*)
Cost of resowing spring	= $500/ha (to re-spray, light cultivation, buy seed & resow)
Total cost failure	**= $2000/ha**

*April – September pasture has a high value of 30c/kg DM as this is a feed deficit period.

Order your seed with *AGRICOTE* coating to get the following (Y=Yes):

Grass seed treatment

Seed treatment	Insect protection			Fungal pathogens		Other	Sowing rate
	Argentine stem weevil	Black beetle	Grass grub	Fusarium	Pythium	Weight build up	
AGRICOTE GRASS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Nil	Same as bare

Clover seed treatment

Seed treatment	Insect protection	Fungal pathogens			Additives		Other	Sowing rate
	Nematodes	Fusarium	Pythium	Rhizoctonia	Lime	Nutrients	Weight build up	
AGRICOTE CLOVER	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N, P, Mn, Zn, Mo	75%	4kg*

Brassica seed treatment

Seed treatment	Insect protection			Fungal pathogens		Additives	Other	Sowing rate
	Nysius	Spring tails	Aphids	Fusarium	Pythium	Molybdenum	Weight build up	
AGRICOTE BRASSICA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Nil	Same as bare

ZULU II
ARROWLEAF CLOVER

Zulu II is mid to late flowering and produces high ME feed for grazing, finishing stock or silage from early spring through to early summer. It has a deep tap-root to aid growth into summer. *Zulu II* is also showing very good potential as a productive alternative to sub clover in hill country, with high levels of hard seed and good regeneration if managed well.

Yield + quality

Zulu II can transform low-yielding dry paddocks into palatable, productive pastures growing over 10 t DM/ha, with highest growth rates through spring and early summer. Feed value is excellent, with less risk of bloat than other annual clovers.

System fit

Zulu II can be used as an autumn sown crop for stock finishing, or for a persistent legume in hill country where it is managed to set seed in the summer, to germinate in the subsequent autumns. *Zulu II* has also been used successfully with spring sown chicory, providing N fixation in this summer crop.

Management

If used in conjunction with chicory, graze the crop according to best practice for the chicory. For persistence in hill country *Zulu II* must be managed carefully to allow reseeding in the first year. Typically these paddocks should not be grazed during flowering. After seed set remove plant residues in late summer to open up the pasture and promote better seedling regeneration in autumn. *Zulu II* suits is tolerant of moderately acidic soils. Sow treated seed.

Sowing *Zulu II*

Dairy		**kg/ha**
Chicory/annual clover crop	*501 Chicory*	8
	Zulu II arrowleaf clover	8
	Total	16
Sheep, Beef and Deer		
8-10 month pure clover sward	*Zulu II* arrowleaf clover	10
Hill country oversow mix	*Safin* cocksfoot	8
	Weka white clover	2
	Apex white clover	2
	Sub clover	6
	Zulu II arrowleaf clover	4
	Total	22

High-yielding Zulu II is palatable and productive, with excellent feed value.

VISTA
BALANSA CLOVER

Vista is mid-late flowering and produces high quality feed in winter and early spring. It has excellent tolerance to waterlogging and is an ideal short term crop option for grazing, silage or hay particularly on wet or poorly drained soils.

Fills the gap

Vista was selected for improved growth during winter and early spring to help fill the typical early feed deficit on many farms.

System fit

Vista will significantly improve feed quality and early season production for cows, sheep and beef when autumn-sown with annual/Italian ryegrass for winter and early spring grazing. This mix will also make high quality silage.

A straight sward of *Vista* is excellent feed for lactating ewes and growing lambs before the paddock goes into spring-sown crop.

Management

Vista is very adaptable, and can handle a range of different grazing systems. For maximum animal performance and pasture regrowth, graze down to 4-5 cm residual.

Sowing *Vista*

Dairy		kg/ha
Winter ryegrass crop	*Hogan* annual ryegrass	25-30
	Vista balansa clover	3
	Laser Persian clover	4
	Total	32-37
Sheep, Beef and Deer		
7-9 month pure finishing sward	*Vista* balansa clover	6
Winter oat crop	*Hattrick* oats	80
	Vista balansa clover	4
	Total	84

Vista balansa clover is ideal for grazing, silage or hay.

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LASER
PERSIAN CLOVER

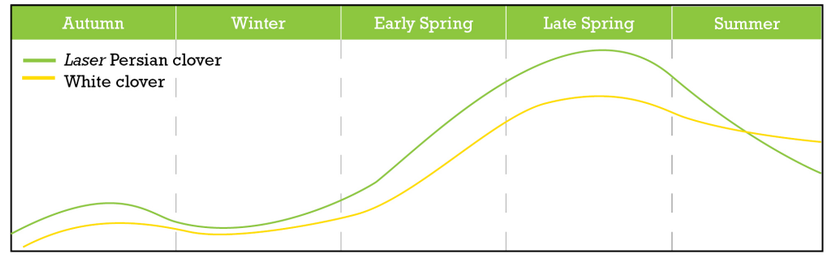
Late-flowering *Laser* produces valuable high-quality feed from winter through early summer, for improved animal production and finishing. It is soft seeded, very fast establishing, and moderately tolerant of water logging.

Later growth

Laser has a different growth curve to *Vista* and *Zulu II*, flowering 30 days later, so extending growth into summer.

System fit

On dairy farms, add *Laser* to short-term pastures to improve feed quality and extend DM and animal production in autumn, and then from early spring to early summer. For sheep and beef, it is an excellent option to increase feed quality for higher liveweight gains. *Laser* also suits hay/silage making. *Laser* will establish faster, and yield considerably more than white clover in a 8-10 month cropping situation.



Management

Laser can be grazed down to residuals of 2-3 cm during winter. In spring, rotationally graze to residuals of 4-5 cm to maximise animal performance, and pasture regrowth. Avoid over grazing, which will remove developing stems.

Conditions

Laser can tolerate mild salinity, cold temperatures and partially waterlogged soils. It is susceptible to slugs and springtails during establishment. Use treated seed, slug bait if needed, and include an insecticide at spray out. *Laser* is resistant to clover scorch.

Sowing *Laser*

Dairy		kg/ha
12-18 month high performance crop	*Tabu*+ Italian ryegrass	18-22
	Laser Persian clover	4
	Vista balansa clover	3
	Morrow red clover (coated)	6
	Total	31-35
6-8 month winter crop	*Hogan* annual ryegrass	25-30
	Laser Persian clover	4
	Vista balansa clover	3
	Total	32-37
Sheep, Beef and Deer		
8-10 month pure finishing sward	*Laser* Persian clover	10
Two year finishing crop	*Captain* plantain	10
	Laser Persian clover	4
	Vista balansa *clover*	3
	Morrow red clover (coated)	6
	Weka white clover	4
	Total	27

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501
CHICORY

501 Chicory is best suited as a 6-8 month summer crop, with rapid establishment and excellent re-growth, to give very high DM yield and an extra grazing over some other cultivars. It also has an erect growth habit, which provides high utilisation.

Avoid FEI milk penalties

The FEI (Fat Evaluation Index) milk grading system came into effect from 2018. Industry trials have shown chicory has no effect on the FEI, whereas DairyNZ's rule of thumb is to feed less than 3kg DM/cow/day of PKE to avoid milk penalties.

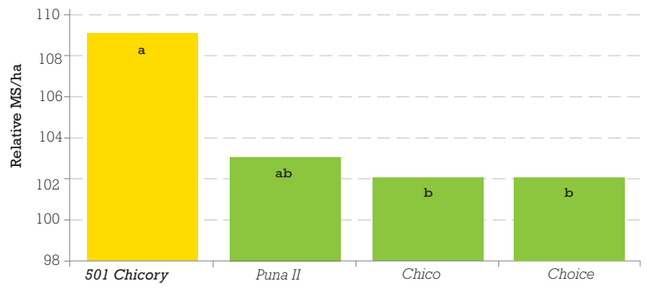
Rapid establishment

501 Chicory establishes very quickly, meaning less down time before the first grazing. In trials and on-farm across a wide range of different soil types *501 Chicory* has stood out right from the start, particularly in challenging dry conditions.

Excellent DM yield

501 Chicory's extra yield is predicted to produce an extra 7% kg MS, giving an additional income of $325/ha (based on $6.50/kg MS) over *Choice* chicory.

Modelled Chicory MS production (Relative to trial mean = 100).



Data based on yield info from the combined trial analysis of Cambridge 11-12, and Canterbury 12-13. 2 trial lines have been removed from the graph. Assumptions used were: ME of chicory is 12 MJ ME/kg DM and 132 MJ ME to produce 1kgMS.

Advantage of *501 + Morrow*

The combination of *501 + Morrow* red clover or *501 + Zulu II* arrowleaf clover performs well. Like *501*, these clovers are deep rooted giving them a significant advantage in summer dry conditions. These clovers fix nitrogen reducing fertiliser requirements for the crop.

High ME

Chicory, red clover and arrowleaf clover are highly palatable to livestock and are all high in ME. During summer dry conditions, they will maintain an ME of around 12, whereas ryegrass pastures generally maintain an ME of 9-10.5.

Environmental gains

501 Chicory offers a range of important environmental benefits:

- It doesn't need insecticide sprays (unlike brassica crops);
- Its deep tap root (up to 1.5 m) improves soil structure;
- Mines deep soil N and can recover excess soil N left after winter-grazed crops;
- Research has shown heifers grazing chicory urinated more frequently without increasing urinary output, or urinary N, potentially reducing N loading and subsequent nitrate leaching from soil,
- Facial eczema spores are much lower than on ryegrass pastures.

Management

Sow chicory into a fine, weed-free seed bed where soil temperatures are consistently above 12°C in spring. Roll before and after sowing to help get a uniform germination. Graze when plants reach the seven leaf stage. Targets for grazing are:

- Pre-grazing targets: 3000 kg DM/ha or 25-35 cm height.
- Post-grazing residual target: 5 cm.

How many ha?

For dairy farms, sow 3 ha of *501 Chicory* per 100 cows to provide 3 kg DM of chicory/cow/day. Area to be sown can be calculated from the following table:

Chicory/cow to be fed	Area of chicory to sow	Daily area of chicory*
2 kg DM/day	2 ha/100 cows	0.1 ha/100 cows
3 kg DM/day	3 ha/100 cows	0.15 ha/100 cows
4 kg DM/day	4 ha/100 cows	0.2 ha/100 cows

*Assuming 21 day grazing rotation.

When to resow pasture

501 Chicory will look great going into autumn. In spite of this it is more important to get new pasture established early, rather than continue to graze chicory into late autumn.

Suggested seed mixes

Use		kg/ha
For a chicory crop	*501 Chicory*	8-10
	Total	8-10
Chicory/red clover crop	*501 Chicory* *Morrow* red clover	6-8 4
	Total	10-12
Chicory/annual clover crop	*501 Chicory* *Zulu II* arrowleaf clover	8 8
	Total	16

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Stock Type Dairy, Sheep, Beef, Deer

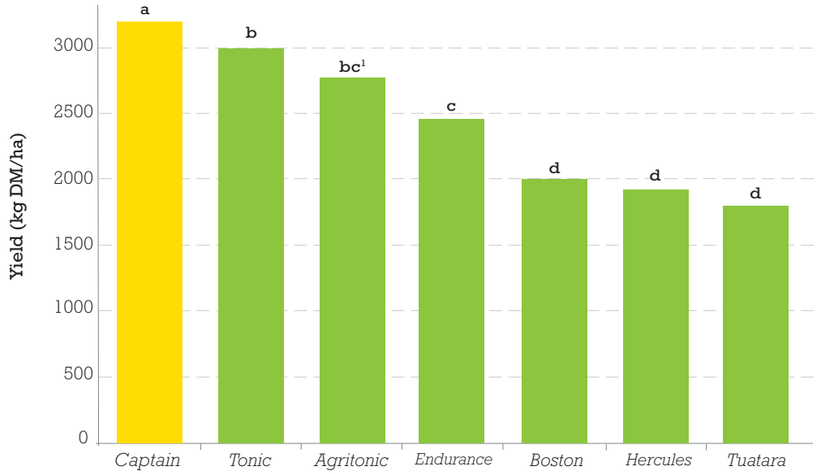
CAPTAIN CSP
PLANTAIN

We've called *Captain* a 'cool season plantain (CSP)' due to its extra growth in this period, the most valuable feed in farm systems, with environmental advantages too. *Captain* also has excellent summer yield and drought tolerance.

Outstanding cool season production

Captain CSP yields significantly more through the cool season period as shown in the graph below. Plantains vary hugely in winter growth, as you can see in the photo.

Cool season DM yield data combined from three one year dryland Canterbury trials sown between 2013 – 2018*



* Cool season yield is a total of autumn, winter & early spring periods. LSD (5%) lettering given on yield bars, cultivars with the same letter are not significantly different. ¹ Provisional rating, culitvar has only been in one trial.

Reduced N leaching

Initial investigations indicate that plantain can mitigate N leaching via a number of mechanisms, including direct activities on soil N mineralisation and direct uptake of N through growth. The greater cool season activity of *Captain CSP* will enhance both of these mechanisms when it is most needed, as N leaching mainly happens when soils are wet through the late autumn, winter and early spring.

Captain CSP (centre) showing its significant cool season yield advantage over other cultivars on 30 July at Courtenay 190m ASL.

High total DM yield

Captain CSP also produces strongly across the other seasons too. It's deep roooting, with high summer yield providing additional protein and feed quality over the warmer months, particularly in summer dry areas.

Animal performance

Plantain is easily digestible, improving stock appetite especially over dry summer months when grasses are of lower feed quality. It is also higher in essential minerals like P, K, S, Ca, Mg, Na, Zn, Cu, B and Co than ryegrass/clover pastures.

Plant type

Captain CSP is a distinctive narrow-leaved plant with upright growth habit for high utilisation. It has a deep, coarse root system, and good compatibility with other species. It has good persistence, and can last three years under good management.

Sheep, beef, deer systems

Captain CSP can be used as a high LWG finishing crop, for example mixed with red, white, and annual clovers. Here the annual clovers (Persian, balansa) provide most of the LWG through the first year, with red and white clovers providing it after that.

Dairy systems

Captain CSP can be used as a summer crop, or sown as part of a pasture mix at 2-4 kg /ha to increase summer feed quality in dryland situations. *Captain* can also be used as part of a specialist high-yielding, quality 2-3 year pasture, with *Shogun NEA* hybrid ryegrass and *Kotuku* white clover.

Suggested seed mixes

Sheep, Beef, Deer		kg/ha
Two year high LWG finishing crop	*Captain* plantain	10
	Laser Persian clover	4
	Vista balansa clover	3
	Morrow red clover (coated)	6
	Weka white clover	4
	Total	27
Perennial pasture mix	*Tyson* or *Rohan SPR* ryegrass	18
	Safin cocksfoot	4
	Weka white clover	4
	Morrow red clover	4
	Captain plantain	2
	Total	32

Dairy		kg/ha
Perennial pasture mix	*Trojan* or *Governor* ryegrass	22
	Kotuku white clover	2
	Weka white clover	2
	Captain plantain	2
	Total	28
Specialist 2-3 year pasture	*Shogun NEA* hybrid ryegrass	30
	Kotuku white clover	4
	Captain plantain	2
	Total	36

INVITATION
SWEDE

Invitation is a late maturing, yellow-fleshed swede, with very high bulb and leaf yield. It provides winter feed with excellent animal health for sheep, cattle and deer.

High yield & disease tolerance

Invitation produces excellent total DM yields with good dry rot tolerance and resistance to club root and powdery mildew. *Invitation* is not recommended as a second crop.

Total DM yield, dry rot tolerance and club root infection level.

Cultivar	Total DM yield* (Trial mean =100)		Dry rot tolerance** % of bulbs not infected		Dry rot tolerance** % bulbs badly infected		Club root*** % of bulbs not infected	
Invitation	**112**	**a**	**57**	**a**	**5**	**a**	**97**	**a**
Aparima Gold	103	b	36	ab	11	a	100	a
Major Plus	96	c	10	bc	56	b	18	bc
Dominion	92	c	6	c	71	b	23	b
Domain ◇	74	d	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
Trial mean	12.6 t DM/ha		21%		41%		60%	

*From 8 Southland trials, from 2006/07 to 2011/13. **From a Southland trial in 2008/09 under moderate to high dry rot pressure in a 2nd crop paddock. *** From a Southland trial in 2010/11 under moderate to high club root pressure in a 2nd crop paddock. NT = Not tested. Statistical significance lettering given for 5% LSD level, cultivars with same letter are not significantly different. ◇= Provisional results. *Domain* was in 2 of the 8 trials.

Late flowering

Invitation is very late flowering, meaning the crop stays vegetative longer into spring than other cultivars. This minimises the chance of animal health problems associated with 'bolting' swede crops, as seen in spring 2014 in Southland. No issues were reported on *Invitation* swedes.

Swede flowering scores*

Cultivar	Lack of flowering	
Invitation	**7.2**	**a**
Major Plus	6.7	ab
Domain	6.5	ab
Dominion	4.8	c
HT Swede	3.4	d
Aparima Gold	3.1	d
Trial mean	6.1	

*Results from 2 trials in Southland sown 2008 and 2012. Statistical significance lettering given for 5% LSD level, cultivars with the same letter are not significantly different. Scored on a 1 - 9 basis. Where 1 = full flowering swede crop, 4 = stem elongation, green seed head appeared, 7, small degree of elongaton, 9 = no sign of stem elongation.

Good leaf yield

Invitation produces high leaf yields showing a significantly higher leaf percentage than other cultivars in trials. This lifts the overall protein level of the crop and is helpful when introducing swedes into an animal's diet, particularly for younger stock.

Bulb & leaf keeping

Invitation has shown high bulb keeping ability and leaf retention in trials, helping maintain its feed quality and quantity through to the end of winter.

Using *Invitation*

Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sow						Graze			

Maturity date:	170-250 days
Typical yield:	10-18 t DM/ha (depending on season)
ME:	12-14 MJ/kg DM
Sowing rate:	0.5-0.8 kg/ha ridged
	0.8-1.5 kg/ha drilled

Invitation produces a higher proportion of leaf than other varieties, providing more protein.

Invitation swede is marketed by Barenbrug Agriseeds

INTERVAL
RAPE

Interval is a tall, fast establishing rape ideal for summer, autumn and winter feed. It offers very high yield for all stock types. *Interval* is a rape-kale cross, giving high yield with regrowth ability.

Flexible sowing date

Interval can be sown from spring through to early autumn to provide a bulk of high quality feed typically in 90-110 days. Spring sowings can be grazed in summer/early autumn then left to regrow for winter feed.

High yield

Interval has performed well in trials, providing excellent DM yield.

Total winter DM yield*

Cultivar	Trial mean = 100%	
Interval	**126**	**a**
Goliath	125	a
Greenland	118	a
Winfred	92	b
Titan	88	b
Trial mean (t DM/ha)	5.3	

*Results from 2 trials in Canterbury during 2008 and 2009 (February sown, June/July harvested). Statistical significance lettering given for 5% LSD level, cultivars with the same letter are not significantly different.

Utilisation & other benefits

Compared to kale, rape typically has higher stem feed quality, and is better utilised by stock. *Interval* has excellent tolerance of dry conditions. It also has strong frost tolerance and resistance to powdery mildew.

Using *Interval*

Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	Sow										
				Graze							

Maturity date:	90-110 days
Typical yield:	5-8 t DM/ha (depends on sowing time & no. of grazings)
Typical ME:	12 MJ/kg DM
Sowing rate:	4 kg/ha

Interval has excellent DM yield and utilisation.

Interval rape is marketed by Barenbrug Agriseeds

DYNAMO
TURNIP

Dynamo turnip is a high yielding summer crop which is ideal for dairy cows. It provides large volumes of low cost quality feed to help maintain milk production when pasture quality and quantity declines.

DM yield

In trials *Dynamo* has shown high yield, not significantly different from the other top cultivars.

Total DM yield*

Cultivar	Trial mean = 100%	
Barkant	110	a
Dynamo	**103**	**ab**
Marco	102	ab
Rival	102	ab
Envy◇	101	ac
White Star	98	bc
Green Globe	93	c
Trial mean (t DM/ha)	8.2	

* From 10 trials in Waikato (7), Taranaki (2) & Canterbury (1) from 2006/07 to 2008/09. ◇ = Provisional result: *Envy* was only in 2 of the 10 trials. Statistical significance lettering fiven for 5% LSD level, cultivars with the same letter are not significantly different.

Low cost summer feed

Sowing a poor performing pasture in *Dynamo* makes financial sense. It can provide feed for around 20 c/kg DM*.

***Turnips for 20 c/kg DM - assumptions:**

- Turnip crop yield 11.5 t DM/ha, with 12 ME.
- 5.5 t of old pasture growth is forgone while the paddock is in crop.
- Cost of growing crop = $1200/ha (spray out plus insecticide, full cultivation, fertiliser, treated seed, slug bait, two post emergence herbicides/insecticides).
- $1200/6000 kg DM extra yield = 20 c/kg DM

High bulb percentage

Summer turnips produce their yield in different ways. *Dynamo* produces a good level of bulb (around 48% of total yield), giving it an advantage in seasons when high levels of leaf diseases or pests are present.

Using *Dynamo*

Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Sow			Graze		

Maturity date:	60-90 days
Typical yield:	8-16 t DM/ha (depending on season)
ME:	12 MJ/kg DM
Sowing rate:	2-3 kg/ha

Dynamo summer turnip is marketed by Barenbrug Agriseeds

FODDER BEET

Fodder beet types

It's important to choose the correct fodder beet variety for your feed requirements and intended use (grazing, lifting or both). Good starting points for this decision are bulb DM content, and whether the crop is only intended to be lifted. Fodder beet can be largely divided into three groups based on these factors:

Low bulb DM% (12-15%)

Lower yield potential, usually with a high % of bulb above ground (50%+). Only suited to grazing in situ.

Medium-high bulb DM% (16-20%)

Higher yield potential than low DM % types, and can be grazed in situ e.g. *Robbos*. Some can also be successfully lifted or grazed

Lifting types

Bulbs sit lower in the ground, generally not suitable for grazing in situ. Very high DM % types (e.g. *Blizzard*) are best for maximum yield potential and increased storage life.

System fit

Thanks to its ability to grow a large volume of high quality, high utilisation feed that can be used from autumn to spring, fodder beet suits several different farm systems. Its high yield potential also frees up land for other uses, which is a major plus. Alternatively you can increase daily allowances for improved live weight gains.

This crop provides flexible winter grazing and can also be used to extend dairy cow lactation by either grazing in situ or lifting and feeding to stock on pasture. Successful grazing entails correct stock transition.

For further information see Barenbrug Agriseeds Fodder Beet Product Guide or download the guide from www.agriseeds.co.nz

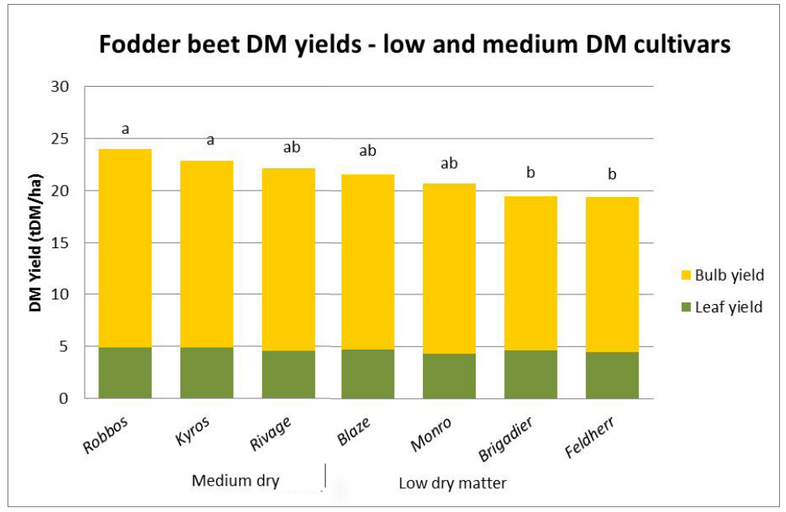
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep
Robbos												
Dairy	Precision sown.						Extend lactation, start winter transition.		Winter feed.		Supplement spring pasture covers.	
Beef/Sheep/Deer	Precision sown.						High ME feed for liveweight gain or maintenance from autumn to spring.					
Blizzard												
Lifting fodder beet	Precision sown.						Mechanically lifted and fed to stock for a high ME supplement from autumn through to early summer.					
Maturity:	Once herbicide withholdings are met. 170 days+ to maximise yield.											
Typical Yield	18-24 t DM/ha average. 25 t DM/ha+ possible with good summer moisture and fertility.											
Sowing rate:	80,000 seeds/ha grazing. 100,000 seeds/ha lifting.											

ROBBOS
FODDER BEET

Robbos has been an excellent, consistent performer with high DM yield and more green leaf, meaning higher protein and better animal nutrition.

High DM yield

The medium DM content of *Robbos* makes it capable of producing a higher DM yield than lower DM types such as *Brigadier*. Its palatable orange-yellow bulbs are suitable for grazing by all stock types.



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Higher protein

Robbos has higher protein, due to its leaf quality, meaning less silage is required when feeding it to stock. In 2018 trials *Robbos* leaf tested at 24.5% protein, significantly higher than *Feldherr, Brigadier, Monro* and *SF1505* which averaged 21%.

This increased protein from *Robbos* is equivalent to 4.5t/ha of good pasture silage, which could save $1800/ha based on $0.40/kg DM for good pasture silage. (This is based on silage with 23% DM and 17% protein. Source: DairyNZ Facts and Figures 2019.)

Robbos (middle 3 rows) showing excellent leaf holding ability versus Kyros (left) and Enermax (right) in Canterbury trial.

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ROBBOS
FODDER BEET

Above ground %

Robbos bulbs typically sit 45-50% out of the ground and are relatively soft, making them easy for stock to graze. The high proportion of above ground DM ensures less soil ingestion and very high utilisation.

Bulb above ground %*

Cultivar	% of bulb above ground	
Brigadier	53	a
Rivage	47	b
Blaze	46	bc
Robbos	**45**	**bc**
Kyros	44	bd
Enermax	41	cd
Blizzard	**40**	**d**
Trial mean	44	
LSD (5%)	5.2	

*From 3 trials in Canterbury from 2008/09 to 2014/15. Cultivars were in at least two trials. Cultivars with the same statistical significance letter are not significantly different at the LSD 5% level.

Using *Robbos*

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Dairy	Precision sown						Extend lactation, start winter transition		Winter feed		Supplement spring pasture	
Sheep, beef & deer	Precision sown						High ME feed for liveweight gain or maintenance from autumn to spring					

Feeding method:	Grazing (but can be lifted)
Typical yield:	18-24 t DM/ha average; > 25 t DM/ha with summer moisture*
Typical ME:	12-13 MJ/ME
Sowing rate:	80,000 seeds/ha

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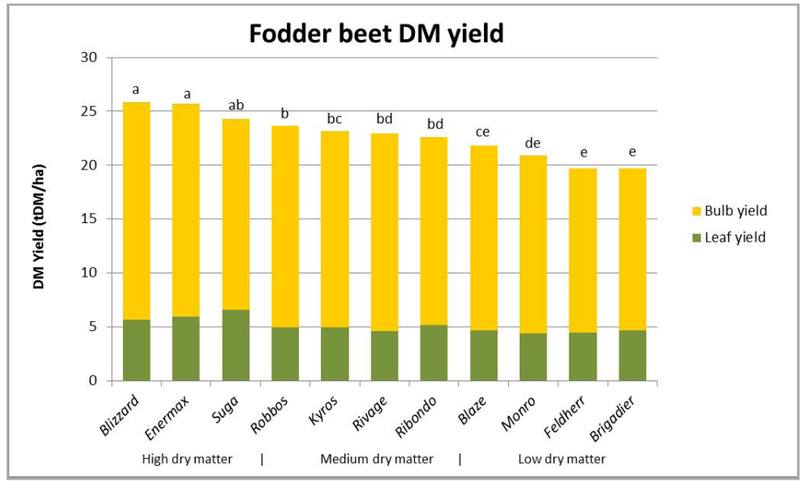
BLIZZARD
FODDER BEET

Blizzard is a white-skinned fodder beet with excellent leaf holding ability and disease resistance, which helps to maximise yield potential. It should be used when maximum yield/ha is sought from a lifted crop, and has 20-22% DM content.

Blizzard has performed very well in trials, with significantly higher total DM yield than low - medium DM cultivars. *Blizzard* is not recommended for grazing because it has a high proportion of the bulb in the ground, reducing utilisation, but making it ideal for lifting.



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The higher DM content of *Blizzard* enables it to be kept for longer in a windrow after being lifted. When leaves are removed. *Blizzard* can be stored for up to 5 months, but bulbs will dry out over time, so DM % may need to be re-tested to allow for accurate feed allocation.

Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Precision sown						Mechanically lifted and fed to stock for a high ME supplement from autumn through to spring					

Feeding method:	Lifting only
Typical yield:	20-25 t DM/ha average; > 26 t DM/ha with summer moisture
Typical ME:	12-13 MJ/ME
Sowing rate:	100,000 seeds/ha

*If leaf is removed when lifting reduce these yields by 5-6 t DM/ha.

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INSECT CONTROL RATING FOR ENDOPHYTES

Summary

These ratings are indicative and may vary slightly between cultivars. If Argentine stem weevil or black beetle are present at sowing, an appropriate seed treatment is recommended to improve insect resistance during establishment. The ratings in this table are based in part on glasshouse studies where test plants are 100% infected with endophyte, whereas commercial seed must meet minimum standards of 70% of seeds infected. These tables were compiled by AgResearch, Barenbrug Agriseeds, Cropmark, Grasslanz, PGG Wrightson Seeds, Seed Force and DLF.

Endophyte insect control for perennial ryegrass, festulolium & short-term (hybrid) ryegrass.

	Argentine stem weevil	Pasture mealy bug	Black beetle	Root aphid	Porina	Grass grub	Field cricket
Diploid perennial ryegrass							
AR1	++++	++++	+	-[2]	-	-	Not tested
NEA2	+++	(++++)	+++	++	Not tested	-	Not tested
AR37	++++[1]	++++	+++	++++	+++	+	Not tested
Standard endophyte	++++	++++	+++	++	+	-	Not tested
Without endophyte	-	-	-	-	-	-	Not tested
Tetraploid perennial ryegrass							
AR1	(+++)	(++++)	+	-[2]	-	-	Not tested
AR37	(+++)[1]	(++++)	+++	++++	(+++)	+	Not tested
Without endophyte	-	-	-	-	-	-	Not tested
Italian and short term (hybrid) ryegrass							
AR1	++	(++++)	+	-[2]	Not tested	-	Not tested
NEA	Not tested	(++++)	+++	Not tested	Not tested	-	Not tested
AR37	+++[1]	(++++)	+++	Not tested	Not tested	-	Not tested
Without endophyte	-	-	-	-	-	-	Not tested
Festulolium							
U2	++++	(++++)	++++[3]	++++	(++)	+++	+++
Continental tall fescue							
AR584 (MaxP)	Not tested	Not tested	+++	(++++)	Not tested	(++)	+++
AR542 (MaxP)	Not tested	Not tested	+++	++++	Not tested	(+)	++
Without endophyte	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes on Tables

- \- No control.
- \+ Low level control: Endophyte may provide a measureable effect, but is unlikely to give any practical control.
- ++ Moderate control: Endophyte may provide some practical protection, with a low to moderate reduction in insect population.
- +++ Good control: Endophyte markedly reduces insect damage under low to moderate insect pressures. Damage may still occur when insect pressure is high.
- ++++ Very good control: Endophyte consistently reduces insect populations and keeps pasture damage to low levels, even under high insect pressure.
- ( ) Provisional result: Further results needed to support the rating. Testing is ongoing.

1 AR37 endophyte controls Argentine stem weevil larvae, but not adults. While larvae cause most damage to pastures, adults can damage emerging grass seedlings. In Argentine stem weevil prone areas it is recommended to use treated seed for all cultivars with novel endophyte.
2 AR1 plants are more susceptible to root aphid than plants without endophyte.
3 Active against black beetle adults and larvae.

ENDOPHYTE ANIMAL SAFETY

Summary

These ratings are indicative. Animal performance and health can vary under different management systems and between seasons. *AR37* is not recommended for deer or horses because it can cause severe ryegrass staggers.

Sheep & lambs

	Sheep and lambs	
	Freedom from ryegrass staggers	Animal production
AR1	++++	++++
NEA	++++	++++
NEA2	++++	++++
AR37	+++[2]	++++[3]
U2	++++	++++
AR584 (MaxP)	++++	++++
AR542 (MaxP)	++++	++++
Standard endophyte	+[1]	++[1]
Without endophyte	++++	++++

Dairy cows & beef cattle

	Dairy cows and beef cattle	
	Freedom from ryegrass staggers	Animal production
AR1	++++	++++
NEA	++++	(++++)
NEA2	++++	(++++)
AR37	++++[5]	++++[6]
U2	++++	(++++)
AR584 (MaxP)	++++	(++++)
AR542 (MaxP)	++++	(++++)
Standard endophyte	++[4]	+++[4]
Without endophyte	++++	++++

Key to Tables

- \+ Poor animal production and/or health: This endophyte is known to regularly cause significant problems.
- ++ Moderate animal production and/or health: This endophyte is known to regularly cause significant problems.
- +++ Good animal production and/or health: This endophyte can cause problems from time to time.
- ++++ Very good animal production and/or health.

NB – All trialling for ryegrass staggers occurs under simulated worst case scenario management, and does not represent normal farm practice.

() Provisional result: Unlikely to be tested on, or negatively affect cattle production

Notes on sheep and lambs

1 Standard endophyte can cause severe ryegrass staggers, can significantly decrease lamb growth rates in summer and autumn, and significantly increase dags
2 Ryegrass containing AR37 endophyte can cause severe ryegrass staggers, but the frequency of ryegrass staggers is much lower than for ryegrass with Standard endophyte. One50 AR37, Asset AR37, and Ohau AR37 may give rise to higher instances of ryegrass staggers than other AR37 cultivars in some situations.
3 Lambs grazing ryegrass containing AR37 endophyte can have reduced LWG during periods of severe staggers

Notes on dairy cows and beef cattle

4 Standard endophyte can cause ryegrass staggers, and has been shown to depress milksolids (MS) production through summer and autumn.
5 While ryegrass staggers has not been observed on cattle and dairy cows, it could occur on rare occasions.
6 In dairy trials overall MS production from ryegrass containing AR37 endophyte is not significantly different from that with AR1. A small reduction in MS was observed over summer on ryegrass containing AR37. A contributing factor to this was the lower clover content in AR37 pastures.

IMPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL OUTCOMES

Summary

Every farm is unique, and that means every plan to minimise environmental impact is unique, too. Strategies that work for one system may not work for the farm next door, and vice versa. When it comes to pastures, however, science has shown us even small changes can make a big difference.

Grow in winter

With the wet winter-spring period the main risk time for N leaching, the more winter growth in the system, the more soil N is taken up. Modern plant breeding has helped greatly in this - today's perennial ryegrasses grow 20-30% more winter DM than their 20-year-old predecessors. To really soak up even more N in winter, sow the highest yielding Italian ryegrass or cereal.

Cover up

Nothing loses soil N in winter like bare ground. Post autumn fodder beet, for example, sow cool season oats or Italian/annual ryegrass to catch the remaining N before it may leach in winter. Don't wait till the whole paddock is bare – sow half as soon as the crop is grazed. Earlier sowing gives much better yield and N uptake.

Min til

It means more careful weed and pest control, but establishing new pasture through minimum tillage releases less N than cultivation, and uses less diesel too. Long term it is better for soil structure too.

Mix it up

Deep rooted plantain is known to mitigate N leaching in several ways. Cool-season active plantain is even better – more growth when the risk of N loss is highest (and more feed it is needed most).

Graze higher

As ryegrass tillers grow to have 3 leaves, water soluble carbohydrate (WSC) goes up and protein (i.e. N) goes down. Many pastures in New Zealand are grazed at around 2-2.5 leaves/tiller; if grazing can be delayed until the 3 leaf stage, less N will comes out of livestock. With their high palatability, mixed diploid/tetraploid pastures are easiest to manage this way.

Break later

Use 24 hour grazing to give cows a new paddock in the afternoon. Cows eat about 70% of their intake in the first half of the grazing. Putting them into a new paddock when ryegrass carbohydrate levels are highest and protein levels are lowest in the late afternoon means there's less N going into them. 24 hour grazing has no effect on cow production compared with 12 hour grazing (and is easier with half as many stock shifting decisions too!)

Utilise more

Raising per cow intake and MS production with tetraploid ryegrass and optimal grazing management can give the same total MS yield from fewer cows. The Lincoln University Dairy Farm is a great example of this, going from 680 cows to 560 cows and producing the same MS. This means more feed going into milk, less into cow maintenance, and a lighter environmental footprint. An added benefit is that fewer heifers are needed, further reducing the environmental footprint.

The same principles hold for breeding ewes, cows or finishing stock. Higher production per animal or faster growth rates means greater efficiency and a lower environmental footprint.

Fix for free

Legume-rich pastures need less artificial N fertiliser. Use high performance red, white and annual clovers, as they fix 25-30 kg atmospheric N/ha for every tonne of DM grown (and provide higher animal performance too).

High performance clovers - like Weka - help cut the need for artificial N fertiliser.

Prevent pugging

Compacted, waterlogged soils release more greenhouse gases than soils with healthy structure. They are more prone to runoff and soil loss, with overland flow of sediment, phosphorus (P) and faecal material to waterways. They require more tractor work for seedbed preparation and sowing, and more fertiliser to ensure growth of subsequent crop or grass growth.

Mind the dirt

Soil bared out by over-grazing is at higher risk of wind-blow or gully erosion than soil protected by pasture plants, even on flat land. Maintaining vegetative ground cover through pasture maintains and improves soil organic matter and structure, and enhances biological activity.

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