

Bannfoot

Hybrid Ryegrass



Bannfoot is a tetraploid hybrid ryegrass which was bred in Northern Ireland by AFBI and first officially listed in 2018.

Bannfoot is 7/8th perennial type hybrid ryegrass so exhibits excellent persistence for the hybrid group whilst still giving a yield advantage over pure perennials. It provides good yields of high quality forage throughout the growing season.

Species:	<i>Lolium x boucheanum</i>
Officially listed in:	England and Wales
Heading Dates:	England & Wales 20th May
Ploidy:	Tetraploid
Bred in:	Northern Ireland
Most suited to:	Any mixture for a medium term rotation

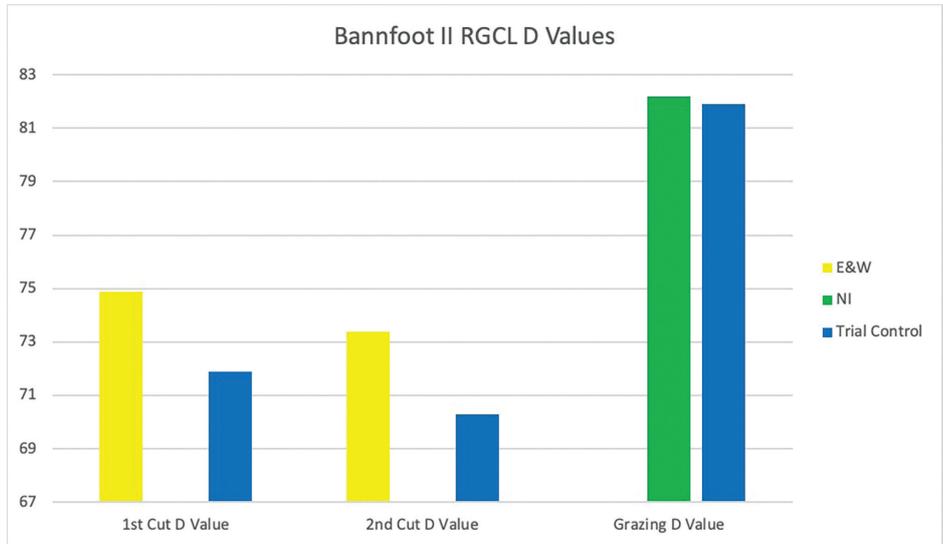
	Recommended Grass & Clover List for England and Wales 2020/2021	Loughgall, Northern Ireland Barenbrug Breeders Trials (2019)
Total Average Cutting Yield	15.52 t DM/ha	16.26 t DM/ha* ¹
Total 1st Year Yield	17.88 t DM/ha	18.18 t DM/ha*
Total 1st Cut Yield	6.92 t DM/ha	4.68 t DM/ha*

*¹ simulated grazing, not silage management

* One year data

Digestibility

Bannfoot is a variety which provides good quality whether under silage management or under grazing.



Other Attributes

Bannfoot has good Crown Rust Resistance of 6.9, excellent Brown Rust resistance of 8.9 and a Mildew resistance of 7.9.

Hybrid ryegrasses grow to 6°C soil temperature and so, extend the growing season making them ideal for winter keep for sheep.

Being a tetraploid, you should expect an average of 269,000 seeds per kilogram and a slightly more upright growth habit than diploid counterparts. Bannfoot will benefit from grazing, particularly in the first 12 months to encourage tillering.



Before recommendation, Bannfoot has been extensively trialled across multiple locations in the United Kingdom to gather data on its performance in multiple climatic conditions

Bannfoot, was bred in Northern Ireland at the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) by the now retired grass breeder David Johnston. Bannfoot was named after a small village in County Armagh.

