

# SOWING VISCOUNT

Suggested below are several seed mixes for *Viscount NEA4*.

## Dairy

Suggested seed mix	kg/ha
<i>Viscount</i> perennial ryegrass	30
<i>Kotuku</i> white clover	2
<i>Weka</i> white clover	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>

## Sheep & beef

Suggested seed mix	kg/ha
<i>Viscount</i> perennial ryegrass	30
<i>Weka</i> white clover	2
<i>Apex</i> white clover	2
<i>Tuscan</i> red clover (coated)	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>

## *Viscount/Trojan* mix

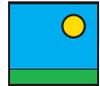
Suggested seed mix	kg/ha
<i>Viscount</i> perennial ryegrass	15
<i>Trojan</i> perennial ryegrass	10
<i>Kotuku</i> white clover	2
<i>Weka</i> white clover	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>

# MANAGING TETRAPLOID PERENNIALS

Tetraploid perennial ryegrasses like *Viscount* have higher palatability and can increase per animal and per ha performance. They require good management to get the best out of them and here are three tips to help achieve this;

1. Develop a system to give them a bit more TLC - avoid continual hard grazing when dry, and in wet winter conditions avoid treading damage.
2. Keep tetraploid paddocks together in a block – this makes it easier for staff to manage point 1.
3. Sow *Trojan* with *Viscount* where you want the palatability advantage, but robustness too.

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PERENNIAL RYEGRASS

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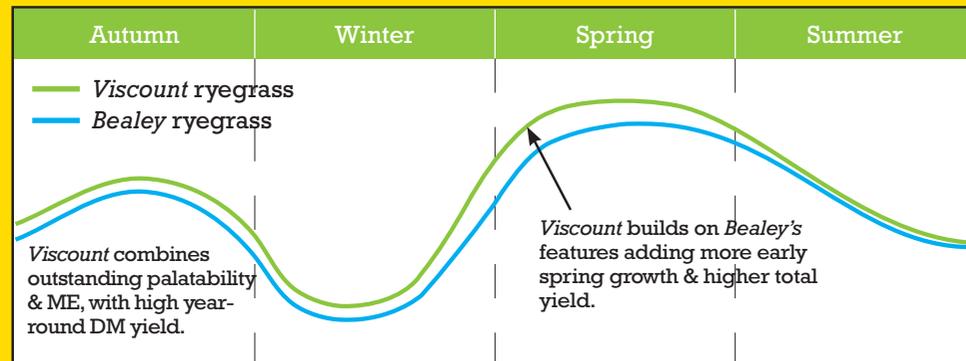
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## PERENNIAL RYEGRASS

*Viscount* has been a standout tetraploid perennial ryegrass in Agriseeds plant breeding programme, with excellent early spring growth and high total yield. Add to this improved rust resistance and better summer feed quality to *Bealey*.

This year we've upgraded *Viscount* to *NEA4* endophyte (from *NEA*) which gives improved insect control, to black beetle and root aphid.

*Viscount* has excellent early spring growth, through calving or lambing when feed is most valuable. For dairy farmers extra grass at this time of year has been valued at an average of \$0.42/kgDM in the DairyNZ Forage Value Index.



## WHY SOW VISCOUNT?

Three reasons to sow *Viscount* perennial ryegrass:

### 1. More feed when you need it.

*Viscount* has a flowering date of +19 days (6 days earlier than *Bealey*). It has very good total DM yield but importantly excellent early spring growth – a time when feed is of the highest value in pastoral systems.

### 2. Animals love it.

*Viscount* has all the features animals love in a pasture;

- the excellent palatability of a tetraploid
- upright growth for ease of harvest
- high quality with reduced aftermath heading and improved rust tolerance
- clover friendly

### 3. Healthy animals.

In addition to providing high quality feed *Viscount* comes with the *NEA4* endophyte, similar to *NEA2*. This plays an important role in providing superior animal performance with a very low risk of animal health problems, such as ryegrass staggers.

“*Viscount* was a standout in our breeder’s trials, topping the Waikato yield trial and showing impressive early spring growth.”

Courtney Inch -  
Team Leader  
Plant Breeding