



QUICK FEED OPTIONS FOR DAIRY PRODUCERS

Through thoughtful planning in autumn, you can boost your home-grown feed through winter, reducing your reliance on hay and silage to meet the nutritional needs of your herd.

PASTURE PARTNERS MAXIMISING HOME-GROWN FEED

OPTION 1: ANNUAL RYEGRASS

Annual ryegrass is popular in areas with winter dominant rainfall and dry, hot summers. Often used for quick autumn and winter feed and/or as a silage, hay or green manure crop, particularly where there is no expectation or requirement of summer growth. Annual ryegrass exhibits the greatest winter growth potential of all the ryegrass types.

Varieties to consider:

HOGAN ANNUAL RYEGRASS

FUZE ANNUAL RYEGRASS

VORTEX ANNUAL RYEGRASS

OPTION 2: ITALIAN RYEGRASS

Highly productive in areas where late spring rainfall is reliable, or where summers are mild. They are very useful for oversowing into run-down pastures as a boost for a year or two. Italian ryegrass can persist for 2–3 years in summer-mild areas under irrigation or reliable summer rainfall.

Varieties to consider:

TEMPO ITALIAN RYEGRASS

ASTON ITALIAN RYEGRASS



OPTION 3: FORAGE OATS

Forage oats are a reliable winter crop. They are easy to establish and can be sown in early autumn to provide quick, early feed. Oats are also suitable for hay or silage, offering the potential to conserve feed for later use.

MAMMOTH FORAGE OAT

Mammoth has been developed to offer speedy, high yielding forage and is very suitable for silage and hay production. Mammoth oats are a terrific option for over-sowing and direct drilling into under-performing pastures.

EXPRESS FORAGE OAT **NEW**

Express is a high-performance forage oat variety bred and developed by Heritage Seeds. It is ideal for farmers seeking more forage yield in grazing, or for hay/silage situations.

OPTION 4: FORAGE BARLEY

Forage barley has quick early growth under cold conditions, making it a great late-planting option. Barley provides excellent forage quality, and is suitable for grazing, hay or silage. Barley doesn't tolerate prolonged waterlogging, or highly acidic soils, so keep it out of these areas.

DICTATOR 2 FORAGE BARLEY

Dictator 2 is a fast-establishing variety with early growth and high overall yield. It has an extended planting window and can be sown from mid-April through to August offering greater flexibility than forage oats. It will tolerate multiple grazings until the production of the first node in late winter when it can be closed up for hay or silage production.



RYEGRASS AND FORAGE OAT BLENDS

Sowing a blend of ryegrass and forage oats can be a good solution for meeting the nutritional needs of your stock. Forage oats will provide quick feed while annual ryegrass will offer late spring growth later in the season.

Consult with your agronomist to determine the best combination of products.

At Heritage Seeds we work hard to ensure we have the range of quality seed varieties available and ready to mix to your needs.

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO SOW?

The success of winter feed and fodder crops is dependent on having adequate moisture for establishment. Providing your paddocks are not limited by water, sowing can begin anytime from mid-March through to later in the season.

HOW QUICKLY CAN I GRAZE?

Grazing and establishment times will vary depending on timing of sowing and initial growing conditions, however are typically 6-8 weeks for annual/Italian ryegrasses and forage cereals.

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