

Glasker

Perennial Ryegrass



Glasker is an early diploid perennial ryegrass which was bred in Northern Ireland by AFBI and first officially listed in 2016.

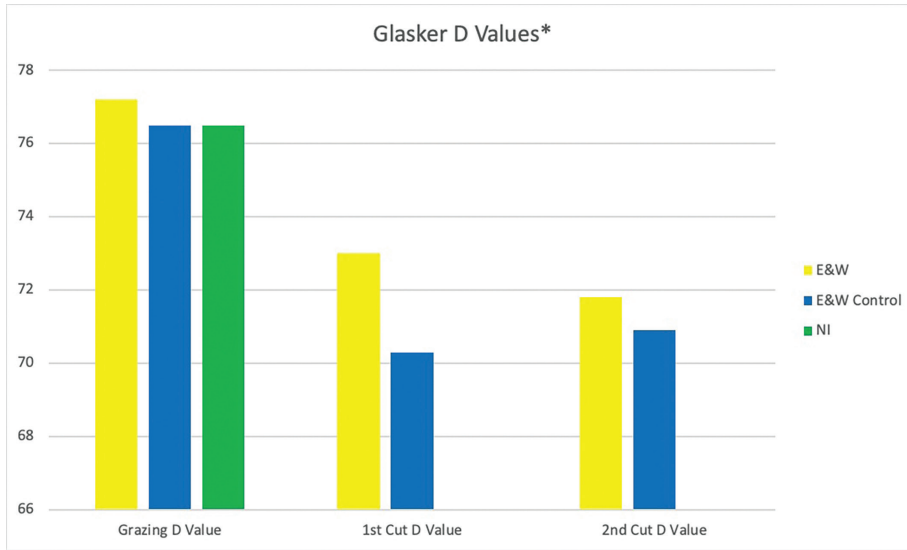
Glasker performs very well under both cutting and grazing management schemes where its key feature is its excellent first cut yield and spring yields.

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| Species: | <i>Lolium Perenne</i> |
| Officially listed in: | England and Wales |
| Heading Dates: | England & Wales 18 th May |
| Ploidy: | Diploid |
| Bred in: | Northern Ireland |
| Most suited to: | Any medium – long term grazing and/or cutting ley early growth is key |

| | Recommended Grass & Clover List for England and Wales 2020/2021 | Loughgall, Northern Ireland Barenbrug Breeders Trials (2019)* |
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| Total Average Cutting Yield | 15.50 t DM/ha | - |
| Total Grazing Yield | 9.67 t DM/ha | 16.26 t DM/ha |

Digestibility

Glasker performs well under both cutting and grazing management and is capable of producing high quality forage from both systems however due to its very early heading, it will require careful management to match harvest with maturity and optimise yield and quality. Glasker has the highest quality of all the recommended early diploids.



Other Attributes

Glasker has excellent Crown Rust Resistance of 8.9 as well as exceptionally ground cover and good winter hardiness.

Being a diploid, you should expect an average of 600,000 seeds per kilogram and a slightly more prostrate growth habit. Combined with the high ground cover scores, Glasker will create a very dense sward.



Before recommendation, Glasker has been extensively trialled across almost 10 locations in the United Kingdom to gather data on its performance in multiple climatic conditions

Glasker was bred in Northern Ireland at the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) by the now retired grass breeder David Johnston. The variety was named after a townland near Banbridge which is most well known for the Glasker Mill.



*Limited NI data available