



Time to ensure your farm's best friend is there for you in the years ahead

Think of a good friend, one who always stands by you, no matter what. Now, imagine that friend is in trouble. What do you do? You help them out, any way you can. Your pasture is that friend! A precious resource propping up your whole system. And right now, that friend is struggling on many farms in the North and upper South Island. So it's time to ride to the rescue.

With a good plan, and some TLC, you can get your pastures back on their feet this autumn, despite the stressful growing conditions they've faced recently.

It is what it is

Few pastures have come through 2022 in good shape. No one thing is to blame. But the end result is that farm grown feed – the engine of our prosperity – has been weakened in several regions.

Without thriving pasture, costs keep rising and profits fall. Grown, grazed, re-grown, and grazed again, pasture is the gift that keeps giving.

So how can you restore lost growth? The first step is to check the health of all your pastures, and start making an autumn renewal plan to bring them back up to speed.

Stitch in certainty

Undersowing will be invaluable

this season. Topping up thin, open pastures with extra seed generates feed quickly, so you can keep those paddocks productive.

Use fast establishing hybrid ryegrass like *Shogun NEA12* or *Forge NEA*, and you'll get tonnes of high quality, farm grown feed - no feed pad or supplement truck required.

The beauty of this is that it turns thin, weak pasture thick and strong again faster than virtually anything else you can do. Plus you'll be able to milk well off those paddocks for another season or three before they need to be fully renewed.

Do it right

Undersowing can be super helpful or a waste of time. Getting a great result depends on several factors. Find out more by signing up to Insight at www.barenbrug.co.nz. We have all the tips you need on undersowing this month.

Supercharge your system this year

Heads up, all you *Shogun* fans. This legendary hybrid ryegrass now gives you even more, thanks to a new endophyte called *NEA12*.

With 8% more dry matter yield than *Shogun* with its original endophyte, *Shogun NEA12* is a great example of how the marriage between a ryegrass and its endophyte is just as important as each is individually.

This has been a key lesson learned in endophyte technology, as we have discovered new endophytes and started mixing and matching them with different ryegrass genetics.

Put simply, *Shogun* and *NEA12* really like each other, and have a fantastic partnership. We know this because we've tested them together repeatedly, in multiple locations.

If a gain of 8% growth doesn't excite you, consider this. Normal plant breeding averages about 1% genetic gain a year, so this one marriage has achieved eight years' progress in one go!

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