

Recommended grass and clover varieties 2018-2019

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Summary

- The varieties listed overleaf are recommended for use in Scotland
- First choice varieties are highlighted by capitals
- Recently introduced first choice varieties are provisional ratings, pending further trials currently in progress

Introduction

The agricultural industry in Scotland is co-operating in a scheme to ensure the continuation of the SRUC Recommended List of grass and clover varieties. The scheme, with the support of NFUS, AIC, SSTA and BSPB, involves a contribution for every kilogram of herbage seed sold.

Merchants participating in the scheme have exclusive access to the detailed SRUC information on herbage varieties. Participating merchants display the special SRUC logo opposite on seed bags, and promotional literature.

Within each grass species, varieties are listed in order of heading date, i.e. 50% ear emergence. This is the date when ears are seen on 50% of the fertile stems. These dates, relative to 1st May, give the Relative Ear Emergence (REE). Thus, in an average year, the early perennial ryegrass variety AberTorch (T) (REE 20) heads on the 20th May, while the late variety Foxtrot (REE 49) heads on 18th June, almost four weeks later. The actual heading dates vary according to season and altitude but the relative order of heading remains fairly constant. Perennial ryegrass varieties have the widest range of heading dates and are divided into three maturity groups - early, intermediate and late. The range within each group can be 12 days or more. Timothy varieties similarly are in three groups, cocksfoot has two groups, early and late, while Italian and hybrid ryegrasses are now each considered as one group. Within each species there is a close relationship between heading date and important characteristics such as seasonality of growth, herbage quality and persistency. The REE value is shown for the earliest and latest variety within each blocked grouping.

White clovers are listed in order of leaf size. The small leaved are prostrate types, persistent and suited to continuous grazing, while large leaved are more erect and better suited to cutting



or rotational grazing. The leaf size, relative to Grasslands Huia, is shown for the smallest and largest within each group. Red clovers are listed alphabetically within two flowering groups, early and late.

Tetraploid varieties are indicated by (T) after the name.

For more detailed information on variety attributes and performance, and their use in seed mixtures, contact your local SAC Consulting adviser or grassland specialist, or a participating merchant.



Perennial Ryegrass	Early
<i>REE up to 30</i>	<i>REE</i>
ANACONDA (T)	18
ABERTORCH (T)	20
GENESIS	
MOYOLA	25
KILREA	28
CARRAIG (T)	28
STARMAN	
Kilian	
Glasker	31

Perennial Ryegrass	Inter
<i>REE from 31-45</i>	<i>REE</i>
MALONE (T)	31
SPELGA	
SOLOMON	
LEENANE	
Rosalin (T)	
Citeliac (H) (T)	
Trintella (T)	
FINTONA (T)	32
BOYNE	
SEAGOE (T)	
RAMORE(T)	
GALGORM (new)	
ABERCLYDE (T)	
ASTONCONQUEROR	
NIFTY	
MOIRA	
ABERDART	
BREE	38
ABERSTAR	39
GLENARIFF	
Arsenal	
Fennema	
ABERWOLF	
ABERZEUS	
Arelio	
ORANTAS	
Indra	
RODRIGO	
PREMIUM	
ABERMAGIC	
ABERFARREL	
Calvano I	
COPELAND	
GOSFORD	
CARLAND (T)	
DIWAN (T)	
ELYRIA	
AGASKA (new)	
ASTONLORD	
ABERGREEN	
CONTRAST	
DUNLUCE (T)	
ABERSPEY	
CALEDON (T)	
Orion (T)	
PENSEL (T)	44

Perennial Ryegrass	Late
<i>REE over 45</i>	<i>REE</i>
BALLINTOY	46
BIJOU (T)	
GLENCAR (T)	
Majestic	
ABERZEST	
Charisma (T)	
CALLAN (new)	
DENVER	
Delphin (T)	
Delgado	
DRIFT (T)	
MESSINGER (T)	
ALFONSO (T)	
ABERCRAIGS (T)	
MEIDUNO (T)	
GLENVEAGH	
ABERAVON	
Elgon (T)	
Stefani	
TYRELLA	
Oakpark (new)	
HURRICANE(T)	
Dundrum (T)	
BAREXTEND	
TODDINGTON	
ABERGAIN (T)	
Novello (T)	
ASPECT (T)	
NASHOTA (T) (new)	
NAVAN (T)	
Romark	
FOXTROT	
CLANRYE	
PASTOUR	
Polim (T)	
MEZQUITA	
GLENROYAL	
DRUMBO	
ABERBITE (T)	
THEGN (T) (new)	
TWYMAX (T)	
ABERBANN (new)	
Aston Princess (T)	
Bocage (T)	51
ASTONCHIEFTAIN	52
KINTYRE (T)	
Xenon (T)	
Fornido (T)	
ABERPLENTIFUL (T)	
Cabriolet (T)	
DUNLOY (T)	
SMILE (new)	
Solas (T)	
Ideal (T)	
ABERCHOICE	
ABERLEE	
Evocative	
Cancan	
Dromore	
Maurice (T)	
Twystar	60
BOWIE (new)	62

Italian Ryegrass	
Fabio (T)	28
DORIKE (T)	
Virgyl (T)	
Barmega (T)	30
Inducer	
Barmultra II (T)	
GEMINI (T)	
Hunter	
Multimo (T)	
YACHT (T)	
Edison (T)	
Bartissimo	
Salome (T)	
MERIBEL	
Fox	
Muriello	
Ligrande	
Itaka	
BARIMAX (T) new	
ALAMO	
MESSINA (T)	
Danergo (T)	
Lemtal RvP	35
MELPRIMO (new)	
DAVINCI	
JAVORIO	
BELLUNA	
DOLORES (new)	
Kuri 1	
Barelli	
Howard	38

Hybrid Ryegrass	
ABERECHO (T)	27
Lampard (T)	
Solid (T)	
Enduro (T)	
Aberexcel (T)	
ALLIANCE (T)	31
Citeliac (T)	
Drumlin (T)	
ASTONCRUSADER (T)	
HYMER (T)	
PIROL	
ABEREDGE (T)	
ABEREVE (T)	34
Tirna (T)	
Scapino (T)	
BARCLAMP	39

Timothy	Early
<i>REE up to 55</i>	<i>REE</i>
Odenwalder	45
SCOTS	51
Presto	
DOLINA	
COMER	
Goliath	
PROMESSE	
ERECTA RvP	
COMTAL	55
REE 56-61	Inter
Moverdi	57
Motim	
REE over 61	Late
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Cocksfoot	Early
<i>REE up to 28</i>	<i>REE</i>
Dactus	24
ABERTOP	28
<i>REE over 28</i>	<i>Late</i>
SPARTA	29
PRAIRIAL	
Cambria	
LIDACTA	31

Festulolium	
AberNiche	37

White Clover	
	Small
Aberace	41
Galway	
ABER S184	70
GRASSLANDS DEMAND	
ABERPEARL	
RONNY	
Avalon	
RIVENDEL	82
	Medium
Saracen	
CRUSADER	85
ABERCREST	
ABERHERALD	
GRASSLANDS BOUNTY	
AVOCA	
IONA	
Grasslands Tribute	
ABERDAI	
ABERSWAN (new)	
Grasslands Huia	
ABERVANTAGE	
BUDDY	
VIOLIN	
MENNA	
MERWI	104
	Large
CHIEFTAIN	105
KATY	
MAKURI	
Reisling	
MILKANOVA	
ALICE	
BARBLANCA	
DUBLIN	
Klondike	
ARAN	159
BRIANNA	191

Red Clover	
	Early
AberChianti	
AberClaret	
Merula	
Milvus	
Amos (T)	
Magellan (T)	
Diplomat	
Global	
Lemmon	
Merviot	
Atlantis (T)	
Avisto	
Harmonie	
Hegemon	
METIS	
SINOPE (new)	
	Late
Altaswede	
BRITTA	

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