

Recommended grass and clover varieties 2024-2025

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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

1. 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>
ABERTORCH (T)	20
GENESIS	
BARWAVE (T)	28
Glasker	

Perennial Ryegrass	Inter
<i>REE from 31-44</i>	<i>REE</i>
Solomon	
FINTONA (T)	32
ERINVALE (T)	
BOYNE	33
TOLLYMORE (T)	34
Sheridan	
BANBRIDGE (T)	
SEAGOE (T)	
STRANGFORD	35
RACCOON	
GALGORM	36
ABERCLYDE (T)	
Aston Conqueror	
Ritchie (T)	
ASTRIAN (new)	
NIFTY	
MOIRA	38
GOLDWELL	
Glenariff	
ABERWOLF	40
ABERZEUS	
Arelia	
ABERMAGIC	42
GOSFORD	
Diwan (T)	
AGASKA	43
ABERGREEN	
ABERTWEED (new)	
DUNLUCE (T)	
ABERSPEY (T)	
CALEDON (T)	
DIORAMA (T)	
GUSTO	
PENSEL (T)	44

Perennial Ryegrass	Late
<i>REE over 44</i>	<i>REE</i>
ABERSEVERN	45
WETHERBY	46
ABERFORTH (T) (new)	
BALLINTOY (T)	
BIJOU (T)	
CALLAN	
RICHHILL (T) (new)	
BALLYVOY	47
ABERTEST	
DRIFT (T)	
GLENFIELD (T)	
GRACEHILL (T)	
ALFONSO (T)	
DUNDROD	
MEIDUNO (T)	
Weldone (T)	
BOMIUM (new)	
ABERAVON	47
SPECTRE	48
Oakpark	
Lathorn (T)	
Hurricane (T)	
BANDON	48
ABERGAIN (T)	
Dundrum (T)	
KILLYLEA (T)	
GRAPHIC	
TODDINGTON	49
ASPECT (T)	
NASHOTA (T)	
Glenarm	
OPTIMUS (T)	
Romark	
Polim (T)	
DRUMBO	50
CROSSGAR	
ABERBITE (T)	
TWYMAX (T)	51
ABERBANN	
Aston Princess (T)	
ASTONCHIEFTAIN	52
SWAN	
GLENROCK	
TIMUCO	
Xenon (T)	
DELICADIO (T)	53
ABERPLENTIFUL (T)	
Delika	
ABERCHOICE	55
ABERLEE	
EVOCATIVE	
ABERDON	58
Cancan	
BOWIE	62

Italian Ryegrass	
Fabio (T)	28
DORIKE (T)	29
GEMINI (T)	
Hunter	
MERIBEL	32
BIGDYL (new)	
Fox	
Muriello	
Itaka	
BARIMAX(T)	34
ALAMO	
MESSINA (T)	
TOREADOR (new)	
EXOTYL (new)	
Pinaco	
Lemtal RvP	35
MELPRIMO	
DOLORES	36

Hybrid Ryegrass

Abersheen (T)	24
ABERECHO (T)	27
Solid (T)	
Enduro (T)	
ASTONCRUSADER (T)	32
HYMER (T)	
PIROL	
ABEREDGE (T)	
ABEREVE (T)	34
ABEREMERALD (T) (new)	
BARCLAMP	39

Timothy

REE up to 55	Early
SCOTS	51
Presto	
DOLINA	
COMER	53
PROMESSE	
Erecta RvP	
COMTAL	55
REE 56-61	Inter
BARONAISE	58
REE over 61	Late

Cocksfoot

REE up to 28	Early
ABERTOP 28	
REE over 28	Late
SPARTA 29	

Festulolium

AberNiche	37
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White Clover

Small

Aberace	41
ABER S184	70
GRASSLANDS DEMAND	
ABERPEARL	
RIVENDEL	82

Medium

CRUSADER	85
ABERHERALD	89
Grasslands Bounty	
IONA	
Grasslands Tribute	
Coolfin	
ABERDAI	99
ABERSWAN	
Grasslands Huia	
ABERVANTAGE	
BUDDY	
MERWI	104

Large

KATY	110
AberSirius	
VIOLIN	
ALICE	124
BARBLANCA	
DUBLIN	
DUNGLOE (new)	
ARAN	159
BRIANNA	191

Red Clover

Early

AberChianti
AberClaret
Fearga
Merula
Milvus
Amos (T)
Magellan (T)
Diplomat
Global
Lemmon
Merviot
Atlantis (T)
Ganymed
Harmonie
Sinope

Late

Altaswede

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