

Recommended grass and clover varieties 2008-2009

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

The agricultural industry in Scotland is co-operating in a scheme to ensure the continuation of the SAC 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 SAC information on herbage varieties. Participating merchants display the special SAC logo opposite on seed bags, invoices etc.

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 Donard (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 adviser or grassland specialist, or a participating merchant.

Perennial Ryegrass	Early
<i>REE up to 30</i>	<i>REE</i>
ANACONDA (T)	18
MOY	
DONARD	
ABERTORCH (T)	20
KILREA	28
Sambin	
BELLEEK (H) (T)	
KIMBER	
SHERWOOD	30

Perennial Ryegrass	Inter
<i>REE from 31-44</i>	<i>REE</i>
MALONE (T)	31
BELRAMO	
SPELGA	
Rosalin (T)	
ABERSILO	
CASHEL	
Citeliac (H) (T)	
Napoleon (T)	
MAGICIAN (T)	
ABERGLYN (T)	
Trintella (T)	
GLENSTAL (T)	
AUBISQUE (T)	
EUROSTAR (T)	
ABERDART	
MONGITA	
BREE	
CALIBRA (T)	
FORNAX (T)	38
RESPECT	39
Arsenal	
Fennema	
ABERSTAR	
GANDALF	
ORANTAS	
TWINS (T)	
PREMIUM	
Laguna	
ABERMAGIC (new)	
Calvano 1 (new)	
GREENGOLD (T)	
Glen	
Aviara (T)	
DUNLUCE (T)	
MONTOVA (T)	
Orion (T)	44

Perennial Ryegrass	Late
<i>REE over 44</i>	<i>REE</i>
GLENCAR (T)	46
Avilena	
ABERZEST	
DENVER	
BARPLUS	
DELPHIN (T)	
Delgado	
GILFORD	
SIROCCO (T)	
ABERCRAIGS (T)	
Stefani	
ELGON (T)	
ABERAVON	
TYRELLA	
PIAMONTE (T)	
Lasso	
NAVAN (T)	
ROMARK	
Inoval	
FOXTROT	
Madera (T)	
PASTOUR	
MATEON I	
Polim	
MEZQUITA	
Gladio	
Tyrone	
COOPER (T)	
HERBIE	
TWYMAX (T)	
TYRCONNELL (new)	
Aston Princess (T)	
Bocage (T)	51
Portstewart	52
Holstein (new)	
KINTYRE (new)	
FORNIDO (T)	
Cabriolet (T)	
Herbal (T)	
MEBA (T)	
DUNLOY (T)	
Condesa (T)	
Ideal (T)	
TIVOLI (T)	
Millennium (T)	
Cancan	
Dromore	
Maurice (T)	
Twyttop	
Twystar	60

Italian Ryegrass	
Fabio (T)	28
DORIKE (T)	
Barmega (T)	
GEMINI (T)	
Hunter (new)	
Multimo (T)	
Edison (T)	
Bartissimo	
Salome (T)	
MERIBEL	
Fox	
Muriello	
Gordo	
Sultan (T)	
Litonio (T)	
Ligrande	
ALAMO	
Danergo (T)	
Limeta	
AberMario	
Luciano	
ABEREPIC	
RvP	36
DAVINCI	
BELLUNA	
Barelli	
PROSPECT	
Howard	38

Hybrid Ryegrass	
ABERECHO (T)	27
BELLEEK (T)	
Solid (T)	
Enduro (T)	
Twyblade (T)	
ABERLINNET (T)	
ABEREXCEL (T)	
ALLIANCE (T)	
LIGUNDA	31
Citeliac (T)	
Drumlin (T)	
Molisto (T)	
HYMER (T)	
PIROL	
ABEREVE (T)	
Tirna (T)	
Storm (T)	39

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

White Clover	
	Small
AberAce	42
KENT W W	
Galway	
ABER S184	
RIVENDEL	
ACTION	
RONNY	
GRASSLANDS DEMAND	
ABERPEARL	
ABERCREST	
CRUSADER	
GRASSLANDS BOUNTY	87
	Medium
ALBERTA	87
ABERHERALD	
AVOCA	
Grasslands Tribute	
MENNA	
ABERDAI	
ABERVANTAGE	
CHIEFTAIN	
Grasslands Huia	100
MERWI	102
	Large
Riesling	112
MAKURI	
ABERJET (new)	
BARBLANCA	
ALICE	
Klondike	
MILKANOVA	
AberBoost	
ARAN	157

Red Clover	
MERVIOT	Early
Altaswede	Late
BRITTA	
SARA (T)	

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