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# Recommended grass and clover varieties 2012-2013


## 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 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 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 AberTorch (T) (REE 20) heads on the 20th May, while the late variety Foxtrot (REE 49) heads on18th 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.

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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.*

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| Perennial Ryegrass | Early |
|---|---|
| *REE up to 30* | *REE* |
| ANACONDA (T) | 18 |
| ABERTORCH (T) | 20 |
| GENESIS | |
| MOYOLA | 25 |
| KILREA | 28 |
| KIMBER | 30 |
| GLENVALE (new) | 30 |

| Perennial Ryegrass | Inter |
|---|---|
| *REE from 31-44* | *REE* |
| MALONE (T) | 31 |
| SPELGA | |
| SOLOMON | |
| Rosalin (T) | |
| Citeliac (H) (T) | |
| MAGICIAN (T) | |
| ABERGLYN (T) | |
| Trintella (T) | |
| BOYNE | |
| GLENSTAL (T) | |
| Lineker | |
| SEAGOE (T) | |
| Tribal (T) | |
| AUBISQUE (T) | |
| EUROSTAR (T) | |
| ABERDART | |
| BREE | |
| CALIBRA (T) | |
| FORNAX (T) | 38 |
| ABERSTAR | 39 |
| GLENARIFF (new) | |
| Arsenal | |
| Fennema | |
| GANDALF | |
| ORANTAS | |
| RODRIGO | |
| PREMIUM | |
| Laguna | |
| ABERMAGIC | |
| ABERFARREL | |
| Calvano I | |
| COPELAND | |
| ABERGREEN | |
| CONTRAST | |
| Glen | |
| DUNLUCE (T) | |
| BRAID (T) | |
| MONTOVA (T) | |
| Orion (T) | 44 |

| Perennial Ryegrass | Late |
|---|---|
| *REE over 44* | *REE* |
| GLENCAR (T) | 46 |
| Majestic | |
| ABERZEST | |
| DENVER | |
| Delphin (T) | |
| Delgado | |
| DRIFT (T) | |
| ABERCRAIGS (T) | |
| Elgon (T) | |
| GLENVEAGH | |
| ABERAVON | |
| Stefani | |
| TYRELLA | |
| DUNDRUM (T) | |
| TODDINGTON (new) | |
| ABERGAIN (T) (new) | |
| NOVELLO (T) | |
| ASPECT (T) | |
| NAVAN (T) | |
| Romark | |
| Inoval | |
| Rorqual (T) | |
| FOXTROT | |
| CLANRYE (new) | |
| Mateon I | |
| PASTOUR | |
| Polim (T) | |
| MEZQUITA | |
| GLEN ROYAL | |
| Gladio | |
| DRUMBO | |
| ABERBITE (T) | |
| Tyrone | |
| Cooper (T) | |
| TWYMAX (T) | |
| TYRCONNELL | |
| Aston Princess (T) | |
| Bocage (T) | 51 |
| Portstewart | 52 |
| KINTYRE (T) | |
| Xenon (T) | |
| Fornido (T) | |
| ABERPLENTIFUL (T) (new) | |
| Cabriolet (T) | |
| Herbal (T) | |
| DUNLOY (T) | |
| Ideal (T) | |
| Tivoli (T) | |
| ABERCHOICE | |
| Millennium (T) | |
| Cancan | |
| Dromore | |
| Maurice (T) | |
| Twystar | 60 |

| Italian Ryegrass | |
|---|---|
| Fabio (T) | 28 |
| DORIKE (T) | |
| Virgyl (T) | |
| Barmega (T) | 30 |
| Inducer | |
| Barmultra II (T) | |
| GEMINI (T) | |
| Hunter | |
| Multimo (T) | |
| Edison (T) | |
| Bartissimo | |
| Salome (T) | |
| MERIBEL | |
| Fox | |
| Muriello | |
| Gordo | |
| Sultan (T) | |
| Litonio (T) | |
| Ligrande | |
| Itaka | |
| ALAMO | |
| Danergo (T) | |
| Limeta | |
| Luciano | 35 |
| Lemtal RvP | |
| DAVINCI | |
| BELLUNA | |
| Kuri 1 | |
| Barelli | |
| Howard | |
| Subito | 40 |

| Hybrid Ryegrass | |
|---|---|
| Marmota | 25 |
| ABERECHO (T) | |
| Lampard (T) | |
| Solid (T) | |
| Enduro (T) | |
| Aber Excel (T) | |
| ALLIANCE (T) | |
| LIGUNDA | 31 |
| Citeliac (T) | |
| Drumlin (T) | |
| HYMER (T) | |
| PIROL | |
| ABEREVE (T) | 34 |
| Tirna (T) | |
| Scapino (T) | |
| Storm (T) | 39 |

| Timothy | Early |
|---|---|
| *REE up to 55* | *REE* |
| 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 |
|---|---|
| *REE up to 28* | *REE* |
| Dactus | 24 |
| ABERTOP | 28 |
| ***REE over 28*** | ***Late*** |
| 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 | |
| ALBERTA | |
| ABERHERALD | |
| GRASSLANDS BOUNTY | |
| AVOCA | |
| IONA | |
| Grasslands Tribute | |
| ABERDAI | |
| Grasslands Huia | |
| ABERVANTAGE | |
| VIOLIN | |
| MENNA | |
| MERWI | 104 |
| | **Large** |
| CHIEFTAIN | 105 |
| KATY (new) | |
| MAKURI | |
| Reisling | |
| TRINITY | |
| MILKANOVA | |
| ALICE | |
| BARBLANCA | |
| Klondike | |
| ARAN | 159 |

| Red Clover |
|---|
| **Early** |
| AberChianti |
| AberClaret |
| Merula |
| Milvus |
| Amos (T) |
| Diplomat |
| Global |
| Lemmon |
| Merviot |
| Atlantis (T) |
| Avisto |
| **Late** |
| Altaswede |
| BRITTA |
| SARA (T) |

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