



# VARIETY ASSESSMENT

All grass varieties contained in our Castle Mixtures are 'First Choice' as published in the Grass and Clover Varieties for Scotland 2023-2024.

		SRUC 1st Choice	AFBI / PPI Rated	NIAB Recommended	Ground Cover	REE
<b>ITALIAN RYEGRASS</b>						
<b>ALAMO</b>	High yielding variety in year of sowing and has excellent ground cover.	✓		✓	A	34
<b>MESSINA (T)</b>	Exceptional early season growth and good quality across all its cuts.	✓		✓	C	34
<b>HYBRID RYEGRASS</b>						
<b>BARCLAMP</b>	A later heading hybrid combining good ground cover with consistent quality and yield across the season.	✓		✓	A	39
<b>ABEREVE (T)</b>	A good variety with the highest D value in second cut.	✓	✓		A	34
<b>ASTONCRUSADER (T)</b>	Produces good yields at the first conservation cut and overall.	✓	✓	✓	A	32
<b>INTERMEDIATE PERENNIAL RYEGRASS</b>						
<b>ABERGREEN</b>	Excellent mid season D value in second cut and spring growth under grazing.	✓	✓	✓	A	43
<b>ABERMAGIC</b>	A proven variety that is good for cutting but is an exceptional grazing variety providing quality yield into the autumn.	✓	✓	✓	A	42
<b>ABERZEUS</b>	Excellent yields under both managements and offers the highest grazing quality in its category.	✓	✓	✓	A	40
<b>GALGORM</b>	Exceptional yield and quality particularly under grazing. It has excellent mid to late season growth.	✓	✓	✓	B	36
<b>GOSFORD</b>	Good all round yields with particularly good mid to late season grazing productivity.	✓		✓	B	42
<b>GUSTO</b>	Good grazing yields particularly later in the season and provides good quality under conservation.	✓	✓		B	44
<b>MOIRA</b>	Particularly strong grazing variety especially on the shoulders of the season.	✓	✓	✓	B	38
<b>STRANGFORD</b>	Exceptional first cut yield and excellent quality across all the cuts. Consistent grazing across the whole season.	✓			B	35
<b>CALEDON (T)</b>	Good yields under both managements.	✓			C	44
<b>FINTONA (T)</b>	Good spring and autumn growth. Exceptional variety for both cutting and grazing.	✓	✓	✓	C	32
<b>SEAGOE (T)</b>	Offers early season growth giving excellent spring grazing and first cut yield.	✓	✓	✓	C	35

<b>LATE PERENNIAL RYEGRASS</b>						
<b>ABERAVON</b>	Consistent performance across the season with particularly good grazing quality.	✓	✓	✓	B	47
<b>ABERCHOICE</b>	Stand out variety in its category offering exceptional quality at first cut and good growth at the shoulders of the season under grazing.	✓	✓	✓	A	55
<b>ABERLEE</b>	Performs exceptionally well especially under grazing providing high yields and category leading quality.	✓		✓	A	55
<b>BALLYVOY</b>	Overall a good variety for conservation, with good yields throughout the year especially at first cut.	✓	✓	✓	-	47
<b>CALLAN</b>	Good productivity under both managements early on in the season.	✓	✓	✓	B	46
<b>DUNDROD</b>	Good conservation yield, particularly at second cut combined with consistent grazing throughout the season.	✓		✓	B	47
<b>GLENROCK</b>	Good grazing variety, especially mid-season.	✓			B	52
<b>ABERBITE (T)</b>	Very even performance over the grazing season. First cut and grazing yields are excellent.	✓	✓	✓	C	50
<b>ABERPLENTIFUL (T)</b>	Good yields and quality at the first cut and good seasonal growth under grazing particularly at the backend.	✓	✓		C	53
<b>ALFONSO (T)</b>	Excellent first cut yield and early season grazing combined with very good ground cover. A good all-round variety.	✓			B	47
<b>BALLINTOY (T)</b>	Heading date is right in the middle between an intermediate and a late and can be utilised as either within our mixtures. It is exceptional especially in the early season under cutting and grazing and has excellent quality.	✓	✓	✓	C	46
<b>GRACEHILL (T)</b>	Consistent quality throughout the season under both managements with particularly good mid to late season grazing.	✓	✓	✓	C	47
<b>KILLYLEA (T)</b>	Exceptional quality under both cutting and grazing with consistent yield throughout the season.	✓			C	49
<b>TIMOTHY</b>						
<b>BARONAISE</b>	An exciting new timothy with the potential to extend the grazing season with unparalleled growth at the shoulders of the season with it being particularly strong at the back end.	✓		✓	A	58
<b>COMER</b>	Best spring growth of the timothys. Softer than others for better palatability.	✓	✓	✓	A	53
<b>WHITE CLOVER</b>						
<b>ABERPEARL</b>	Highest yielding small leaved clover, good ground cover.				SMALL	
<b>ABERSWAN</b>	A high yielding variety with good consistent growth across the season.				MEDIUM	
<b>HEBE</b>	Good medium leaved variety with strong growth across the season and performs well under both grazing and silage regimes.				MEDIUM	
<b>MERWI</b>	Productive variety better suited to light defoliation.				MEDIUM	
<b>ALICE</b>	High yielding and good ground cover.				LARGE	
<b>RED CLOVER</b>						
<b>GLOBAL</b>	Yields under cutting in years 1, 2 and 3 are very impressive.				EARLY	
<b>ROZETA</b>	A widely used variety that performs well under cutting and grazing and has good persistency.				EARLY	