



VARIETY ASSESSMENT

All grass varieties contained in our Castle Mixtures are 'First Choice' as published in the Grass and Clover Varieties for Scotland 2024-2025.

| | | SRUC 1st Choice | AFBI / PPI Rated | NIAB Recommended | Ground Cover | REE |
|--|---|-----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|-----|
| ITALIAN RYEGRASS | | | | | | |
| ALAMO | High yielding variety in year of sowing and has excellent ground cover. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | A | 34 |
| MESSINA (T) | Exceptional early season growth and good quality across all its cuts. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | C | 34 |
| HYBRID RYEGRASS | | | | | | |
| BARCLAMP | A later heading hybrid combining good ground cover with consistent quality and yield across the season. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | A | 39 |
| ABEREVE (T) | A good variety with the highest D value in second cut. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | A | 34 |
| INTERMEDIATE PERENNIAL RYEGRASS | | | | | | |
| ABERGREEN | Excellent mid season D value in second cut and spring growth under grazing. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | A | 43 |
| ABERMAGIC | A proven variety that is good for cutting but is an exceptional grazing variety providing quality yield into the autumn. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | A | 42 |
| GALGORM | Exceptional yield and quality particularly under grazing. It has excellent mid to late season growth. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | B | 36 |
| GOSFORD | Good all round yields with particularly good mid to late season grazing productivity. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | B | 42 |
| STRANGFORD | Exceptional first cut yield and excellent quality across all the cuts. Consistent grazing across the whole season. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | B | 35 |
| BANBRIDGE (T) | Reliable seasonal yields coupled with high-quality first cut herbage. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | C | 35 |
| FINTONA (T) | Good spring and autumn growth. Exceptional variety for both cutting and grazing. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | C | 32 |
| SEAGOE (T) | Offers early season growth giving excellent spring grazing and first cut yield. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | C | 35 |
| TOLLYMORE (T) | Provides early season growth combined with high yields under cutting and grazing. Particularly good yield in third year conservation. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | C | 34 |
| LATE PERENNIAL RYEGRASS | | | | | | |
| ABERAVON | Consistent performance across the season with particularly good grazing quality. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | B | 47 |
| ABERCHOICE | 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 |
| ABERLEE | Performs exceptionally well especially under grazing providing high yields and category leading quality. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | A | 55 |
| BALLYVOY | Overall a good variety for conservation, with good yields throughout the year especially at first cut. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | - | 47 |

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| CALLAN | Good productivity under both managements early on in the season. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | B | 46 |
| DUNDROD | Good conservation yield, particularly at second cut combined with consistent grazing throughout the season. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | B | 47 |
| GLENROCK | Good grazing variety, especially mid-season. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | B | 52 |
| ABERBITE (T) | Very even performance over the grazing season. First cut and grazing yields are excellent. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | C | 50 |
| ABERGAIN (T) | Performs very well under both managements, with excellent early season growth giving good first cut yields and early grass for grazing. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | C | 49 |
| ABERPLENTIFUL (T) | Good yields and quality at the first cut and good seasonal growth under grazing particularly at the backend. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | C | 53 |
| BALLINTOY (T) | 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 |
| GRACEHILL (T) | Consistent quality throughout the season under both managements with particularly good mid to late season grazing. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | C | 47 |
| KILLYLEA (T) | Exceptional quality under both cutting and grazing with consistent yield throughout the season. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | C | 49 |
| NASHOTA (T) | Good ground cover with good D values at 1st and 2nd cut. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | B | 49 |
| TIMOTHY | | | | | | |
| BARONAISE | An exceptional 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 |
| COMER | Best spring growth of the timothys. Softer than others for better palatability. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | A | 53 |
| WHITE CLOVER | | | | | | |
| ABERACE | An extremely small leaved variety that will aid with persistency under grazing. | | | | SMALL | |
| ABERYSTWYTH S184 | Good persistence and yields with intensive sheep grazing. | | | | SMALL | |
| BUDDY | Good grass and clover yields throughout the season. | | | | MEDIUM | |
| CRUSADER | Good performance both early and late in the season. | | | | MEDIUM | |
| IONA | Good ground cover under rotational grazing. | | | | MEDIUM | |
| BARBLANCA | Excellent persistency and good early spring and autumn growth. | | | | LARGE | |
| RED CLOVER | | | | | | |
| GLOBAL | Yields under cutting in years 1, 2 and 3 are very impressive. | | | | EARLY | |
| ROZETA | A widely used variety that performs well under cutting and grazing and has good persistency. | | | | EARLY | |