



VARIETY ASSESSMENT

All grass varieties contained in our Castle Mixtures are 'First Choice' as published in the Grass and Clover Varieties for Scotland 2022-2023.

ITALIAN RYEGRASS		SRUC 1st Choice	AFBI / PPI Rated	NIAB Recommended	Ground Cover	REE
ALAMO	High yielding variety in year of sowing and has excellent ground cover.	✓		✓	A	34
MERIBEL	Very high yielding with great D values and ground cover for an Italian.	✓	✓		A	32
GEMINI (T)	Capable of producing high D values for first and second cuts.	✓			B	30
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
ASTONCRUSADER (T)	Produces good yields at the first conservation cut and overall.	✓	✓	✓	A	32
INTERMEDIATE PERENNIAL RYEGRASS						
ABERMAGIC ★	A proven variety that is good for cutting but is an exceptional grazing variety providing quality yield into the autumn.	✓	✓	✓	A	42
ABERZEUS	Excellent yields under both managements and offers the highest grazing quality in its category.	✓	✓	✓	A	40
BOYNE	Very good yields under both managements with very good early spring growth. Must be cut early to maintain quality at 1st cut.	✓	✓	✓	B	33
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
GUSTO	Good grazing yields particularly later in the season and provides good quality under conservation.	✓	✓		B	44
STRANGFORD	Exceptional first cut yield and excellent quality across all the cuts. Consistent grazing across the whole season.	✓			B	35
CALEDON (T)	Good yields under both managements.	✓			C	44
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

LATE PERENNIAL RYEGRASS						
ABERAVON ★	Consistent performance across the season with particularly good grazing quality.	✓	✓	✓	B	47
ABERLEE ★	Performs exceptionally well especially under grazing providing high yields and category leading quality.	✓		✓	A	55
ASTONCHIEFTAIN	Produces good yields under both managements with it being particularly good for its category at first cut.	✓			A	52
CALLAN	Good productivity under both managements early on in the season.	✓	✓	✓	B	46
DUNDROD	Good conservation yield and particularly strong grazing at the back end of the season.	✓	✓	✓	B	47
GLENROCK	Good grazing variety, especially mid-season.	✓			B	52
TODDINGTON	A solid all round variety with good quality. Good late season performance.	✓		✓	A	49
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
ALFONSO (T)	Excellent first cut yield and early season grazing combined with very good ground cover. A good all-round variety.	✓			B	47
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
NASHOTA (T)	Good ground cover with good D values at 1st and 2nd cut.	✓	✓	✓	B	49
TIMOTHY						
BARONAISE	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
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	
RIVENDEL	Consistent growth across the whole season.				SMALL	
HEBE	Good medium leaved variety with strong growth across the season and performs well under both grazing and silage regimes.				MEDIUM	
MERWI	Productive variety better suited to light defoliation.				MEDIUM	
ALICE	High yielding and good ground cover.				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	

★ Strong performer at Watson Seeds trials at Upper Nisbet