

NEW GRASS AND FORAGE VARIETIES FOR 2024/25

GRASS

Two Italian ryegrass varieties, a hexaploid Festulolium and six new perennial ryegrass varieties were added to the 2024/2025 RGCL for England and Wales, with two new lucerne varieties.

IRG = Italian ryegrass, TF = tall fescue, IPRG = Intermediate perennial ryegrass, LPRG = Late perennial ryegrass

Bigdyl - IRG

Excellent total average yield with very good ME yield for an Italian diploid. Excellent ground covers. Excellent resistance to crown rust with limited data showing very good resistance to brown rust.

Exotyl - IRG

Excellent total average yield and ME yield for an Italian diploid. Excellent ground covers. Excellent resistance to crown rust with limited data showing very good resistance to brown rust.

Kubicek - Hexaploid TF x IRG

Excellent total annual yields in 2nd and 3rd harvest years. Outstanding ground cover. Limited data shows excellent winter hardiness. Very good resistance to crown rust.

AberTweed - IPRG

Excellent total annual yield, ME yield, seasonal growth and D-value under simulated grazing management. Excellent total yields, D-values and ME yield under conservation management. Very good resistance to *Drechslera*. Limited data shows very good winter hardiness.

Farmington - IPRG

Very good total annual yield and good ME yield, D-value and ground cover under grazing management. Good yields and D-values under conservation management. Good resistance to crown rust and *Drechslera*.

Bomium - LPRG

Excellent total annual yield and ME yield and excellent late season growth under simulated grazing. Excellent yields and ME yields under conservation management. Good resistance to crown rust.

AberForth - LPRG Tet

Good total yield with outstanding early season growth and D-value under simulated grazing management. Excellent first and second cut D-values under conservation management. Good winter hardiness and good resistance to *Drechslera*.

Richhill - LPRG Tet

Excellent total yields under conservation management with excellent first and third cut yields and very good second cut D-value.

AstonGlory - LPRG Tet

Very good total yield, excellent ME yield and outstanding D-value under simulated grazing management. Excellent seasonal growth from early summer to autumn. Excellent second cut D-value under conservation management.

LUCERNE

Cigale

Andantino

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All new varieties have a minimum of six harvest years of independent, rigorous testing at trial sites across the UK to ensure sufficient data to be considered for addition to the RL. Varieties are assessed on total annual yields and seasonal growth under both conservation and simulated grazing management. ME yield, ground cover, winter hardiness and disease resistance are also assessed. Each variety must show a clear improvement against the current listed variety means to achieve provisional status (PG). Each new variety will be reassessed after a further five years in order to be recommended for general use (G).