

Annual Ryegrass

Annual Ryegrass is the backbone of many hay/silage and grazing mixes across the South East. Annual Ryegrass offers fast, affordable, palatable forage with multiple grazings available from many of the new varieties. Maturity ranges from very early to very late so there is definitely a variety available to suit your needs. Locally, Annual mixes are used for Hay/Silage and grazing. However there are more and more astute renovators who use their annual mix as a valuable clean up tool for eradicating the annual weed seed bank from the soil profile. By utilizing this method you not only gain excellent animal production and fill the hay shed but by making hay and silage you are also taking away the problem annual grasses (silvergrass and barleygrass etc), ability to set seed and significantly reduce the weed seed bank. This will greatly increase your chances of a successful permanent pasture establishment in the following autumn or winter.

<i>Variety</i>	<i>Sowing Rate</i> (KG/HA)	<i>Regrowth Potential</i>	<i>Maturity</i>	<i>Attributes</i>
DIPLOIDS				
Safeguard	10-15	Good	Very Early	Annual ryegrass toxicity (ARGT) resistant, ideal for pasture in cropping rotation, strong winter growth.
Wimmera	2 - 5	Poor	Early	Excellent regeneration in light sandy soils, shows some salt tolerance, good low rainfall option.
Arnie	10 - 15	Excellent	Late	Fast establishment, good tiller density and rust resistance. Excellent late season production.
TETRAPLOIDS				
Betta Tetila	15 - 25	Poor	Early	Very aggressive winter growth, excellent option where spring rain is unreliable. Very reliable producer in all conditions.
Adrenalin	15 - 25	Good	Mid	High winter yields, excellent late season quality, capable of several grazings or cuts.
Astound	15 - 25	Good	Mid/Late	Fast emergence vigour, outstanding rust resistance, excellent late season growth, densely tillered and broad leaved for extra yield.
Prine	15 - 25	Excellent	Mid/Late	Prolific winter production – top 3 producer in NSS 24 variety production trial at Research Farm.
Atomic	15 - 25	Excellent	Late/Mid	Australian bred for Australian conditions, good early vigour coupled with excellent late season production. Prolific reseeded, if allowed!
Winterstar 2	15 - 25	Excellent	Late	Good winter production and hangs on well into late season whilst producing large volumes of seed, will continue to produce in summer if moisture permits.
Zoom	15 - 25	Good	Late	Very fast establishment with excellent regrowth. Exceptional cool season production. 8-10 month option if sown early.



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