

Perennial ryegrass - aftermath heading

Summary

- Aftermath heading (AMH) is the second seeding of ryegrass, following the main spring seeding, that decreases summer pasture quality.
- *Bealey* shows excellent, and *Alto* and *Bronsyn* very good, lack of AMH.

Results

AMH is a particularly a problem of old ecotype ryegrass in drier areas of NZ, which produce large amounts of seedhead through both spring and summer.

Modern varieites have much less AMH, and generally later heading varieties produce the least.

2003-08 AYT combined trial AMH results*

Entry	Score
<i>Quartet</i>	7.5 a
<i>Bealey</i>	7.0 ab
<i>Alto</i>	6.5 bc
<i>Bronsyn</i>	6.4 bc
<i>Matrix</i>	6.3 bc
<i>Extreme</i>	6.0 c
<i>Arrow</i>	5.8 c
<i>Commando</i>	5.6 c

* Plots visually scored on a 9 to 1 basis, where 9 = no AMH. Average over 5 scores from 2 different trials. (3 scores 03-05 Massey University Manawatu; 2 scores 05-08 Burnham Canterbury). Significance lettering given for 5% LSD level, varieties with the same letter are not significantly different.

