

# Greenfeed oats

## Introduction

Greenfeed oat crops are easy to manage, providing a large quantity of good quality winter feed quickly. Oats are usually grazed once or twice. For extra production and grazings into spring *Hattrick* oats are usually sown with an Italian or annual ryegrass (e.g. *Tabu* or *Archie*).

Oats are often compared to ryegrass as a winter crop. Italian or annual ryegrass is higher in feed value and can be grazed more times. Ryegrass provides less winter feed but produces more into spring.

## Oat varieties

### *Hattrick*

*Hattrick* is a well proven variety with excellent rust resistance, high yield and good regrowth. When leafy, *Hattrick* has 80% digestibility (or ME = 12 MJ/kg DM) and a 13-15% protein content. It is suitable for grazing or making into silage. (Refer also to the *Hattrick* sheet on page 37).

### *Hokonui*

*Hokonui* is suited to a single grazing in autumn or for cutting as silage in the spring. It has a good leaf:stem ratio and is winter hardy. *Hokonui* oats are resistant to crown rust in the South Island.

### *Magnum*

This is a tall variety with good feed quality, suited to conservation as hay or green chop silage. It has rapid stem elongation with an upright habit.

### *Milton*

*Milton* establishes rapidly and is suited to autumn planting for a single winter grazing, or as green chop silage in the autumn or spring. It has a high leaf:stem ratio and has good yield and disease resistance.



*Greenfeed oats provide a high quantity of winter feed.*