

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 than oats but produces more into spring.

Oat cultivars

Hattrick

Hattrick is a well proven cultivar 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.

Coronet

High yielding cultivar that can be either autumn or spring sown. Has a fine stem, high leaf content and good disease and frost tolerance.

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

A tall cultivar 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.



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