

*Hattrick* is an easy to manage winter crop. It is usually sown mixed with Italian or annual ryegrass, to extend growth into spring.

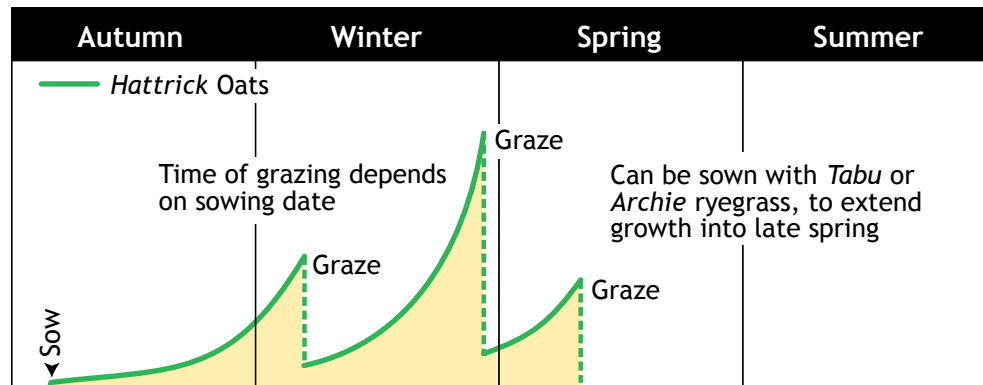
**Management**

*Hattrick* is leafy, high yielding, and more adapted to multiple grazings than some other oats. It can usually be grazed 2-3 times depending on management. For best regrowth graze at 30 cm height, leaving a 7-10 cm residual. Growth can be boosted by strategic use of nitrogen fertiliser (e.g. 30 kg N/ha) after grazings.

**Feed value**

Leafy *Hattrick* oats have a digestibility of 80% (ME = 12 MJ/kg DM) and contain 13-15% protein.

**Growth curve**



**Sow early**

For maximum winter production *Hattrick* oats should be sown early (February/March). Insecticide protection against Argentine stem weevil may be necessary in some areas.

**Sowing Hattrick**

*Hattrick* oats can be sown alone, but are most commonly sown with Italian or annual (e.g. *Tabu* or *Archie*). Mixing *Hattrick* with a ryegrass increases feed value and extends growth through spring.

Dairy, Sheep, Beef, Deer		kg/ha
For a large bulk of winter feed	<i>Hattrick</i> forage oats	100
	Total	100
For extended feed into late spring	<i>Hattrick</i> forage oats	50
	<i>Tabu</i> Italian ryegrass	20
	Total	70
For increased early spring yield	<i>Hattrick</i> forage oats	50
	<i>Archie</i> annual ryegrass*	25
	Total	75

\**Archie* sowing rate 30% higher than standard, because it is a tetraploid with larger seeds.