

Ryegrass heading dates

Summary

- Early heading generally means better early spring growth.
- Late heading means better late spring pasture quality.

What is heading date?

Heading date describes when a grass variety starts showing flower or seed heads in spring.

It is also known as “ear emergence date”, as seen in the photo at the bottom of the page.

Heading dates of Agriseeds perennial ryegrasses (Bronsyn = 0)

Day 0 is typically around 22 October, but this varies by 2-3 weeks from year to year. A cold early spring delays heading, whereas a warm spring can bring it on earlier.

