

CONTEST

ITALIAN RYEGRASS

Ploidy: **DIPLOID**
 Sowing Rate: **18-30 KG/HA**
 Heading date: **LATE**
 Endophyte: **NIL**

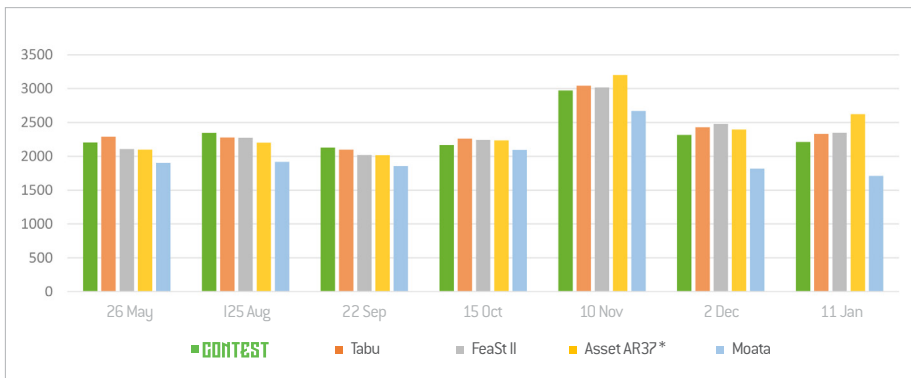


DATA SHEET

CONTEST has increased cool season dry matter (DM) production (late autumn, winter, early spring), but also offers strong summer growth and persistence. CONTEST is a late heading variety, meaning it stays leafy and vegetative longer into the season. Because of this, CONTEST offers high levels of quality feed – especially metabolisable energy (ME), digestibility and protein. CONTEST can either be sown on its own as a pure stand of bulk feed for 1 - 2 years, or can be direct drilled into existing pasture to extend the life of a paddock. Its quick establishment and high vigour means it can provide quick levels of feed when most needed. CONTEST is also densely tillered, increasing persistency even if it is grazed to low levels. If summer moisture is not limiting, CONTEST will persist for 24 months.

ITALIAN MONTHLY DRY MATTER PRODUCTION

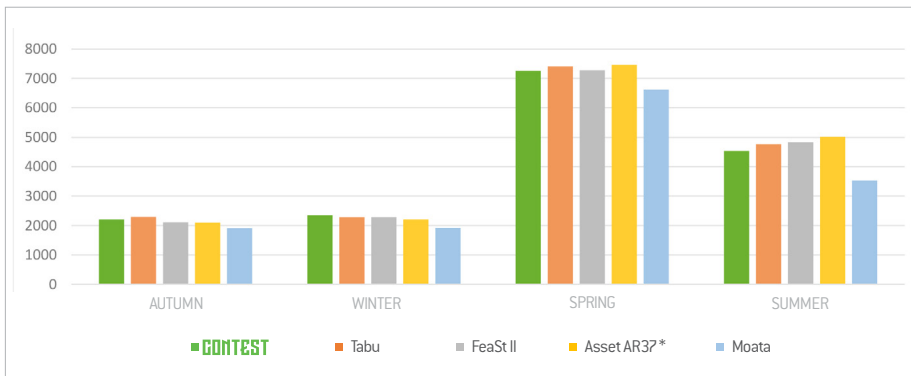
Monthly trial data compiled to demonstrate seasonal dry matter (DM) production.



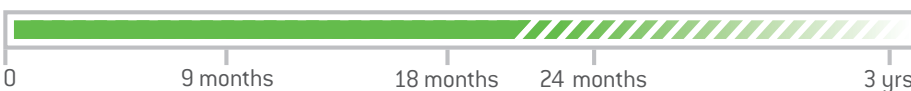
Trials conducted by Pastoral Improvements, Rakaia Trial area, sown 13th March 2015 trials cut to approx 1200Kg DM levels. Cut dates determined by visual assesment prior to loss of palatability. Cuts were between 3-4 weekly. No cuts taken during june and july.

ITALIAN SEASONAL PERFORMANCE

Seasonal trial data compiled from combined monthly cuts of the respective seasons to demonstrate seasonal dry matter (DM) production.



CONTEST PERFORMANCE INDICATOR



KEY ATTRIBUTES

- + High yields across all seasons
- + Very high winter production
- + Good persistency
- + Late heading (+ 18 days) for higher livestock performance

DATA COLLECTED

Actual monthly cuts (KgDM/ha).

Dates	May	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
CONTEST	2231	2345	2126	2165	2972	2318	2212
Tabu	2289	2281	2099	2260	3045	2403	2333
FeaSt II	2106	2277	2020	2239	3016	2478	2351
Asset AR37*	2100	2199	2019	2235	3203	2396	2621
Moata	1905	1918	1854	2096	2671	1818	1711