



Shogun Hybrid Ryegrass

Pasture Grasses

Endophyte

NEA12, NEA, LE

Stock Type

Dairy, Sheep, Beef*

*NEA12 isn't recommended for deer or horses

The rockstar hybrid you love, with NEA endophyte, or supercharged with NEA12 for even more yield and animal performance.

What makes it special?

Fast, nutritious and delicious, *Shogun* is your best friend for both 1-3 year pasture, and undersowing, no matter where you farm.

Supercharged

Shogun is now supercharged with NEA12 endophyte, growing 7% more total yield than the previous NEA version. Normal ryegrass breeding delivers about 1% genetic gain a year, so that's 7 years' progress in one go. Imagine achieving that in your animals!

Better protection

NEA12 gives *Shogun* a wider range of insect control, including we believe for porina. Testing has shown NEA12 provides good black beetle control (at the same level as NEA endophyte) and very good root aphid control.

Faster payback

Shogun establishes very fast, more like an Italian ryegrass, so these paddocks are ready to graze sooner than ones sown with perennial ryegrasses or some other hybrids.

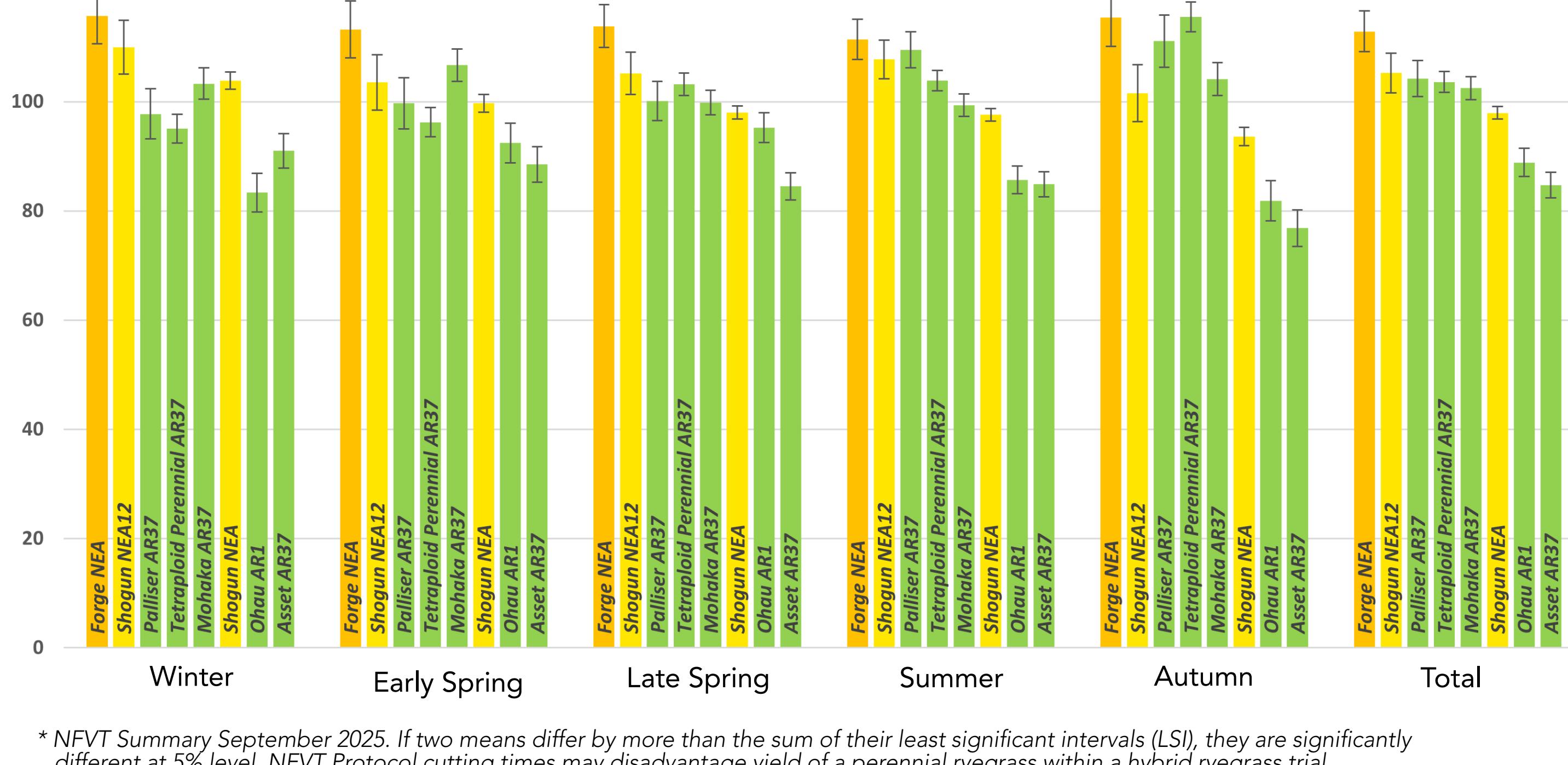
Make more protein

Animals thrive on *Shogun* – it's a high energy, late heading tetraploid (+13 days), with minimal aftermath heading in summer, plus you gain that extra yield.

Carry more

Shogun NEA12 grows more year-round, so you can feed more animals on those paddocks. Its biggest seasonal advantage over *Shogun NEA* is during summer (growing 10% more) and autumn 8% more as shown in the industry trial results below.

2025-26 NFVT hybrid ryegrass summary: All New Zealand Trials*



* NFVT Summary September 2025. If two means differ by more than the sum of their least significant intervals (LSI), they are significantly different at 5% level. NFVT Protocol cutting times may disadvantage yield of a perennial ryegrass within a hybrid ryegrass trial.

Easy to graze

Shogun is a super palatable tetraploid. Animals love eating it, so it's easier to manage.



Endophyte & animal health

In most cases *Shogun* will deliver excellent animal health. We believe it is safe to use for dairy cows and cattle.

There is a risk of some ryegrass staggers in sheep or lambs if you graze into the base of the pasture in summer dry conditions. In this situation the risk of staggers with *Shogun NEA12* is higher, and *NEA12* is not recommended for horses or deer. The risk of

stagger in both options is much lower than for the old Standard (or High) endophyte.

In all cases ryegrass staggers is much less likely if you sow a pasture mix with high legume and herb content (see suggestion below).

Sowing Shogun NEA12

Dairy and cattle systems	kg/ha	
High performance 1-3 year pasture	Shogun NEA12 or NEA ryegrass	30
	Ruru medium leaved white clover	2
	Kotuku large leaved white clover	2
	Total	34
Dairy and cattle systems	kg/ha	
High performance 1-3 year finishing	Shogun NEA12 v NEA ryegrass	25
	Ruru medium leaved white clover	2
	Apex small leaved white clover	2
	Morrow red clover	6
	Captain CS plantain	2-4
	Total	37-39
Sheep and beef systems	kg/ha	
Undersowing with fast establishment	Shogun NEA12 or NEA ryegrass	15-20*

*Sowing rate depends on how thin pasture to be undersown is.

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