



Tyson Perennial Ryegrass

Pasture Grasses

Endophyte

NEA4, LE

Stock Type

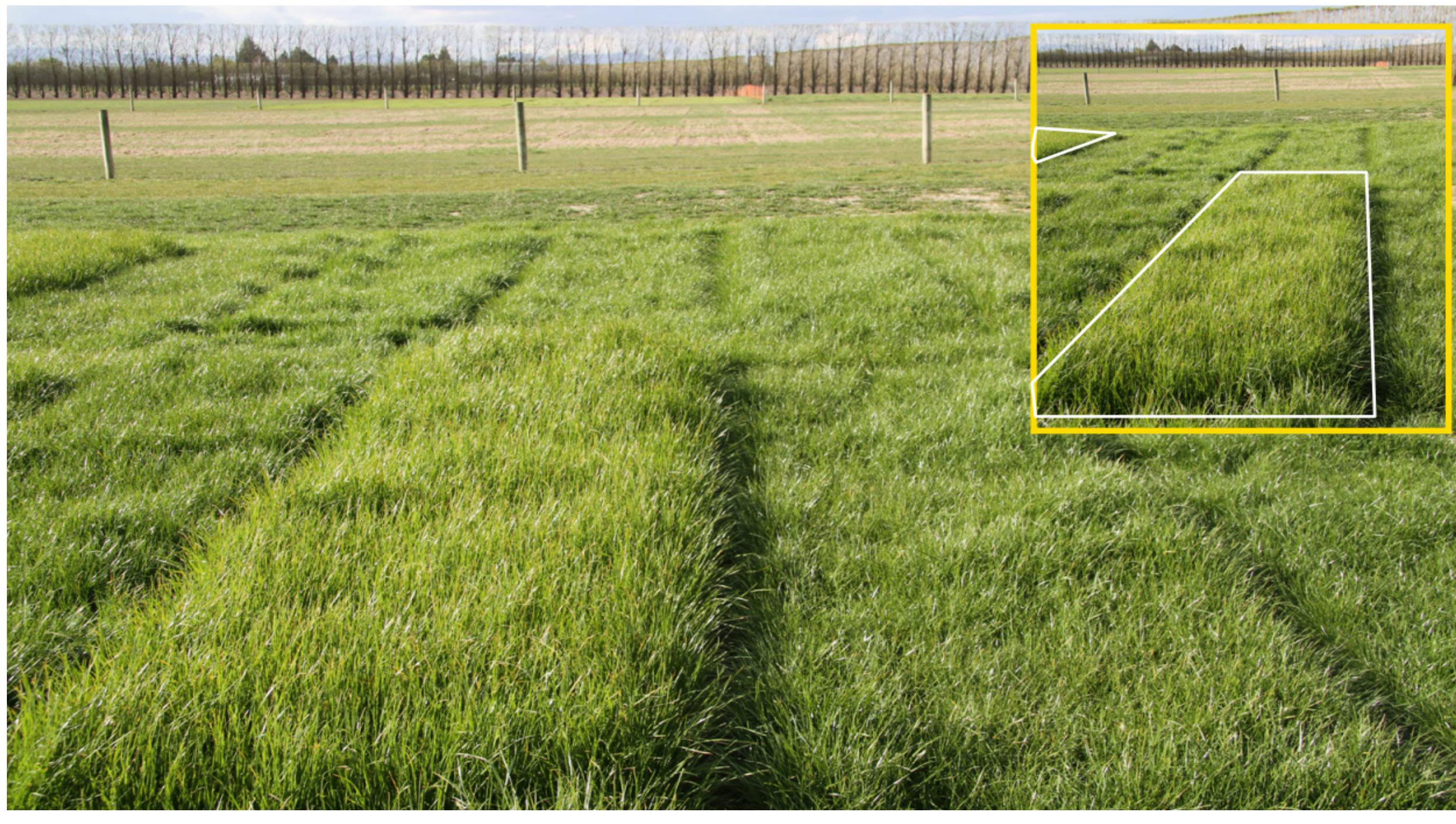
Sheep, Beef, Deer

Tyson is the earliest of early starters, adding more feed to the menu for hard-working mums during lambing and calving to power red meat breeding systems. Plus it has strong yield year round, and NEA4 endophyte for better persistence.

Ultra efficient

With superb early growth, *Tyson* is arguably the most exciting perennial ryegrass the red meat sector has seen. Feed your ewes and cows better through early lactation, and watch those lambs and calves flourish without stripping it all off mum's back. Especially good for early weaning, with all the associated benefits:

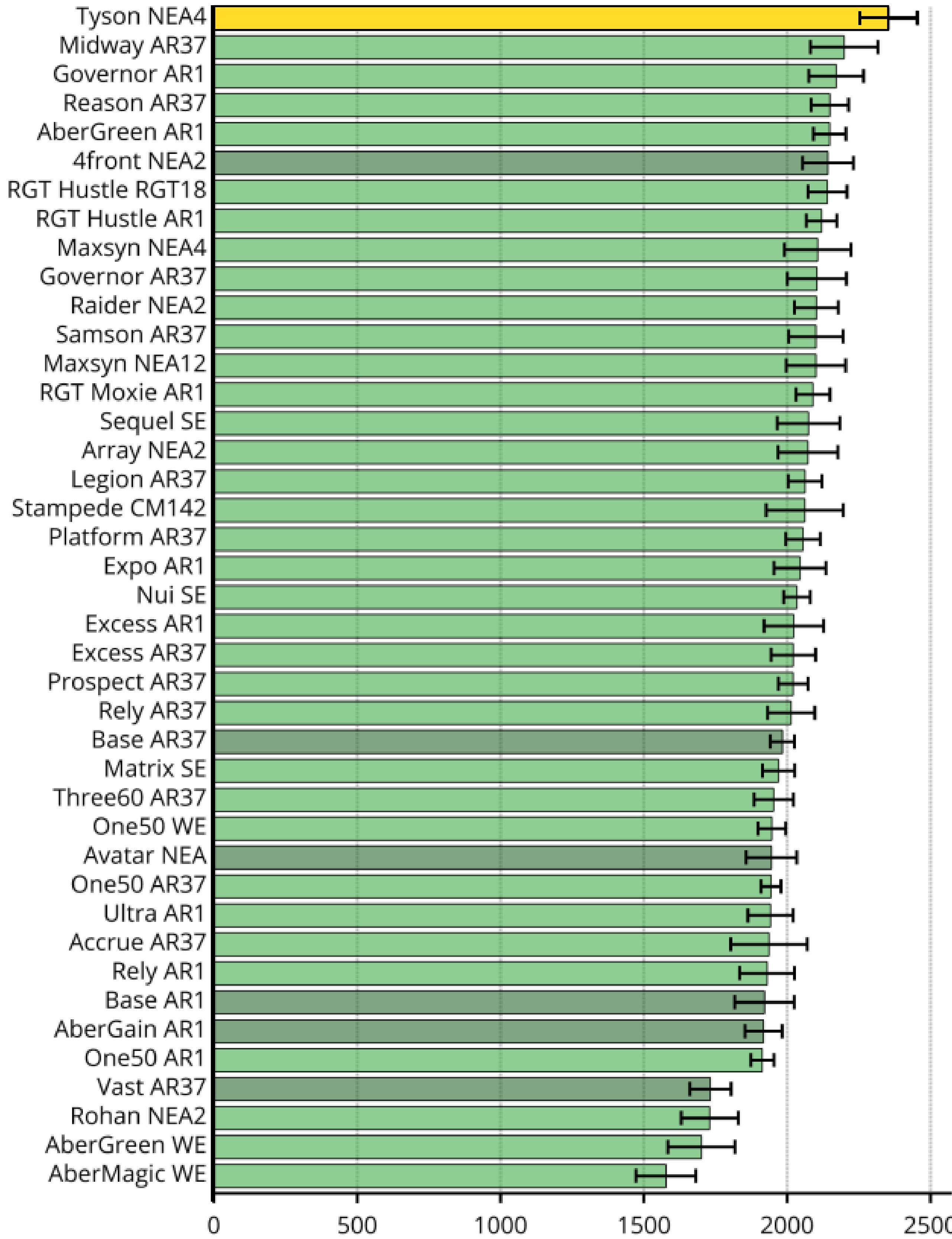
- Meet early schedules, typically at better prices.
- Avoid the weaning check (2 weeks lost LWG) plus lambs dress out better.
- Use less drench; free up feed for other animals.



Tyson's outstanding early growth (left) is obvious in this trial. Photo taken in September.

Start spring earlier

2025-26 NFVT perennial ryegrass summary, early spring yield, all New Zealand trials.



Ahead of the pack

Tyson is the earliest heading of any perennial ryegrass you can buy, at -10 days. And don't worry about feed quality during the rest of the season – we selected Tyson for lower aftermath heading, too.

Fine & dense

Tyson is a fine leaved, densely tillered diploid perennial for both set stocking and rotational grazing.

Protected too

Tyson has been upgraded to NEA4 endophyte, providing good control of Argentine stem weevil, black beetle and pasture mealy bug, with no negative impacts on animal health. It is also available with Low endophyte.

Capture the gains

There's no free lunch here – if you want *Tyson* to do what it can do in early spring, you have to manage it right! Set stock in spring at < 1200-1300 kg DM/ha (or 3-4 cm pasture height) for single-bearing ewes, 1500-1600 kg DM/ha (or 4-5 cm height) for twin-bearing, or 1700+ kg DM/ha for triplet-bearing through lambing.

Otherwise, *Tyson* won't have the leaves to catch enough sunlight to achieve its genetic potential, which is the science behind the saying 'grass grows grass.' Also, as pasture height drops so does bite size, and although ewes take more bites, both their pasture intake, and lamb growth rate, drop.

Sowing *Tyson*

Sheep, Beef, Deer	kg/ha	
Early lamb/calf feeding pasture	<i>Tyson</i> perennial ryegrass	16-20
	Apex white clover	2
	Ruru white clover	2
	Morrow MS red clover	6
	Total	26-30

Possible additions

Captain CS plantain at 2-4 kg/ha provides extra summer feed value, lasts 2-3 years. *Redefine* cocksfoot at 3-6 kg/ha provides extra summer feed in drier conditions.

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