



# Renewal checklist

## Renew pasture

Sow

The list below can be used to check all factors behind good pasture renewal.

The key is to do all aspects well. In a good season you may get away with shortcuts in technique, but in poor climatic conditions shortcuts will be a liability.

✓	Checklist
	Discuss and confirm objectives of renewal.
	Identify poor paddocks and decide on right rate of renewal for farm (5%? 10% 20%?).
	Rectify reasons for poor performance.
	Soil test (6-12 months in advance) and correct soil fertility.
	Choose appropriate sowing date.
	If relying on a contractor, book them in early.
	Check for pests (e.g. grass grub, slugs and ASW).
	Choose appropriate renewal method.
	Spray out paddock prior to cultivation or direct drilling.
	If cultivating, prepare a good seed bed (fine and level).
	Choose correct cultivar and see mix for the farm system.
	Control pests - use treated seed and insecticide if required.
	Choose correct sowing rate and technique.
	Check seed certification for germination, purity and endophyte.
	Apply slug bait if needed.
	Control weeds in early establishment.
	Graze early to promote tillering, use ‘pluck test’ to determine when pasture is ready for first grazing.
	Avoid pugging and over-grazing new pasture.