

# Tyson

## Perennial Ryegrass

### Pasture Grasses

Endophyte

NEA4, Low

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.
- Free up extra feed for other animals, like ewes or trading cattle.

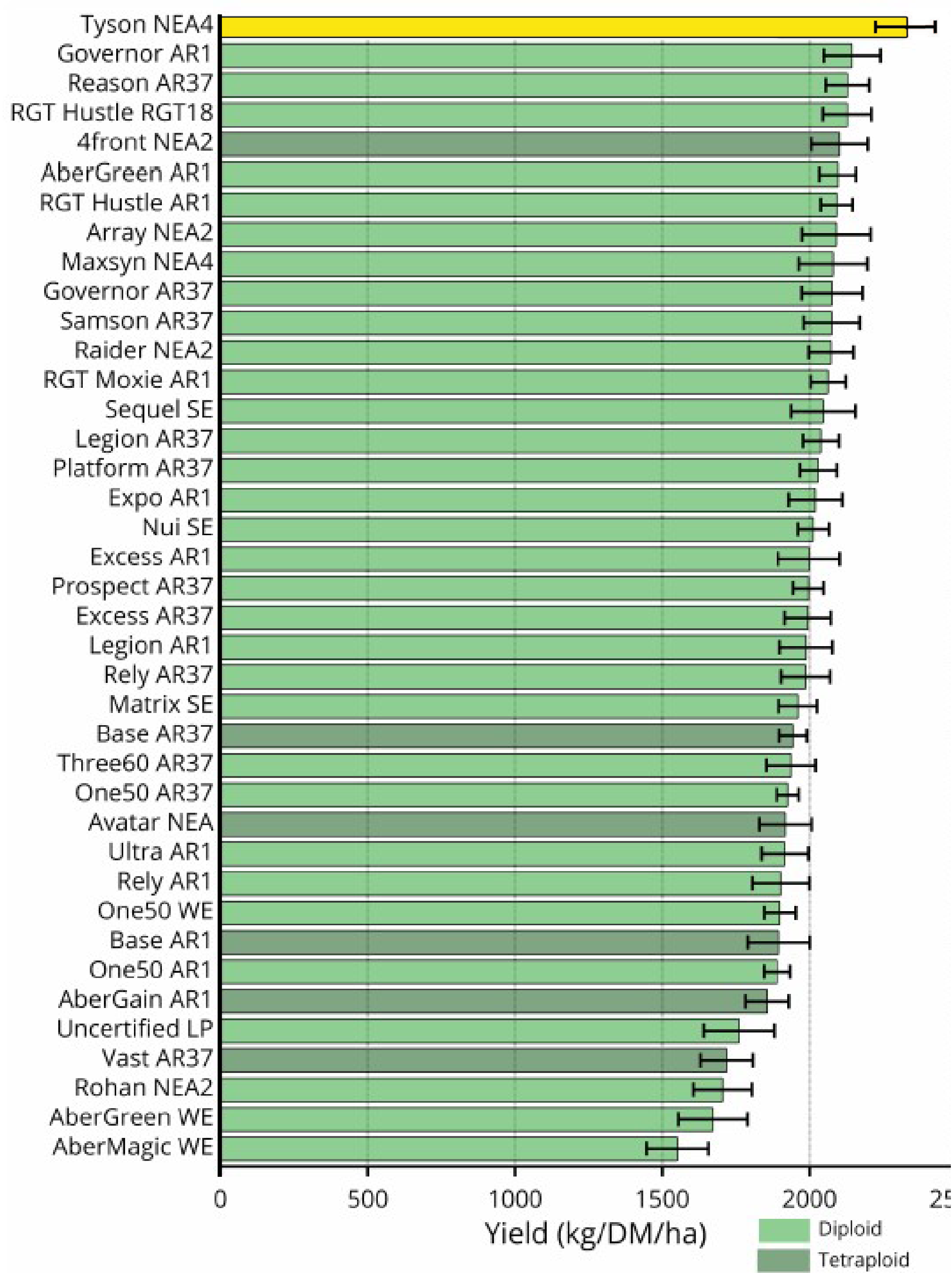


*Tyson's outstanding early growth (left) is obvious in this trial. Photo taken in September.*



# Start spring earlier

2024-25 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.

## Good insect protection

*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
	<i>Ruru</i> white clover	2
	<i>Morrow MS</i> 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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