

Higher energy content and more energy per hectare

Revolution AR1 – Enhanced® Ryegrass

More than just another perennial ryegrass!

A newly released, diploid AR1 enhanced® perennial inter-species cross containing perennial ryegrass and meadow fescue parentage. A fine leafed, densely tillered and late heading variety (19 days later than Nui), showing excellent DM yields, strong winter activity, excellent forage quality, very high energy content and energy production per hectare and very good palatability. Very similar breeding background to Matrix. The AR1 endophyte has been bred into Revolution for greater endophyte stability, rather than just inoculated.

Persistence	Heading date (days c.f Nui)	Sowing rate (kgs/ha)	Rust resistance (1 = susceptible, 9 = resistant)	Winter activity	Minimum Rainfall (mls)
5+ years	+19	15 - 20	7	High	500+

Benefits:

- Higher livestock performance (proven - Lincoln University trial, Canterbury)
- High Metabolisable Energy content and ME production per hectare
- Very high yielding across all seasons
- Extremely strong autumn, winter and spring growth habit
- High digestibility and palatability
- Late heading (+19 days) to maintain quality for longer into spring
- Won't cause grass staggers or heat stress
- Good persistence
- Tolerant of attack from Argentine Stem Weevil and mealy bug
- Strong tiller density and soft leafy growth
- Suitable for all livestock types

Pooled trial results – All New Zealand trials

Variety	Autumn %	Winter %	Spring %	Summer %	Total	
					%	kgDM/ha/yr
Matrix	109	111	106	112	109	17,821
Revolution AR1	109	115	104	107	108	17,537
Impact	108	113	102	107	107	17,404
Bronsyn AR1	103	101	100	102	101	16,477
Cannon	102	108	100	97	101	16,466
Impact AR1	102	106	97	102	101	16,465
Bronsyn	104	94	101	103	101	16,454
Aries	101	97	100	99	99	16,166
Samson	99	96	97	98	98	15,944
Aberdare	86	88	107	98	98	15,921
Nui	91	89	96	91	92	15,043
Quartet	86	81	89	84	86	13,975
Mean (kgDM/ha)	2,787	2,877	6,000	4,643	16,306	16,306
LSD	133	191	229	245	653	653
CV%	9.1	12.6	7.2	10	7.6	7.6

Source: Pooled results of 7 Cropmark run trials at Darfield, Dunsandel, Hamilton, Huntly, Manawatu, Takapau & Tariki (2003-6).

Liveweight gain - Lamb & Hogget grazing trial (Lincoln University, Oct 05 – Apr 06)

Variety	gLWG (hd/day)	kgLWG (hd/day)	kgLWG (ha)	ME Content (MJME/kgDM) (27/10/05 - 20/4/06)
Revolution AR1	181	6.6	890	11.3
Bronsyn AR1	166	6.2	824	10.9
Extreme AR6	151	5.6	747	11.0
Commando AR1	171	6.1	817	10.7
Significance ¹	**	**	**	**
SED ²	4.3	0.13	16.5	0.13
LSD ³	10.6	0.21	40.5	0.29

¹ Significance = significance of Analysis of variance ($F_{3,6}$), ns = non significant, * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$

² SED = standard error of difference of mean

³ LSD = least significant difference ($P = 0.05$)

Revolution AR1 has higher ME content, and produces more energy per hectare, enabling higher livestock performance

Variety	ME (MJME/kgDM)	DM Yields (kgs/ha)	ME/ha (MJME/ha)	Superiority of Revolution (%)	Digestibility (%)
Revolution AR1	12.1	17,537	212,198	-	79.4
Impact AR1	11.9	16,465	195,934	8.3	78.4
Bronsyn AR1	11.8	16,477	194,429	9.1	78.0
Nui	11.5	15,043	172,995	22.7	76.2

Source: DM yield results based on the pooled summary of 7 Cropmark – run trials at Darfield, Dunsandel, Hamilton, Huntly, Manawatu, Takapau & Tariki (2003-6). ME results based on the pooled summary of 3 Cropmark – run trials conducted at Hamilton, Palmerston Nth & Dunsandel (2003-5).

Higher energy should enable higher livestock performance