

# GRASSLANDS COMMANO

## perennial ryegrass

*For high annual production and persistence*

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**Commando**  
Perennial Ryegrass

COMMANDO is a high-yielding diploid perennial ryegrass with a medium tiller density and heading date. COMMANDO was bred for dairy farms, and sheep/beef farms with high rainfall and inputs. COMMANDO also has excellent cool season and warm season growth, growing the feed when farmers need it most.

COMMANDO was bred by AgResearch Grasslands from persistent plants selected in Northern latitudes, and crossed with elite plants from AgResearch breeding pools.

Selection and breeding was conducted in a Northern region, being a tough environment for ryegrass, which puts high pressure on both persistence and rust tolerance.



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**Ploidy**  
Diploid

**Sowing rate**  
(per ha)  
15-20kg

**Heading time**  
Medium

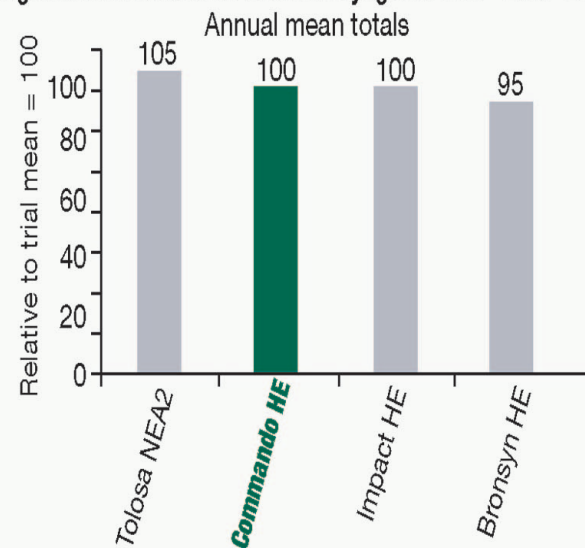
**Endophyte**  
AR1 or standard endophyte

**Rust Tolerance**  
Very high

When COMMANDO has been tested in regions that are more favourable for ryegrass, it has been shown to have outstanding persistence and rust tolerance, in addition to good production levels.

This breeding method has also resulted in boosts to seasonal production with the warmer winters allowing selection for winter growth, and the hot summers resulting in selection for heat tolerance.

AgResearch Ruakura Perennial Ryegrass Trial - 2001-2004



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*High production for dairy*

*Very high yields*

*Improved cool and warm season*

*Excellent disease tolerance*