



New Generation Tall Fescue

DLF Seeds have been committed to improving grass species that can offer better persistence and production than ryegrass.

Tower tall fescue has been released this autumn, and is a third generation cultivar that is as easy as ryegrass to manage, but much more tolerant of dry weather and insects.

Older fescues had a reputation for being a bit difficult to manage over spring, but Tower has a finer and softer leaf, and later heading date. The good palatability and late heading date makes Tower simple to manage.

Grazing management is straightforward, with managers needing just three bullet points to base decisions on, and they find it easy to use, with good quality pastures and high animal production.

Despite the high quality of Tower, persistence is very good because of the inherent advantage of the species, but also the spreading ability of Tower from its highly active rhizomes.

This allows Tower to maintain strong ground cover, essential for weed suppression and persistence.

Tower is available either without endophyte, or with the novel endophyte 'Protek', which provides additional insect protection and increases pasture production.



Tower tall fescue at Hyde Park, Marton, May 2013.



Tower tall fescue showing its quality and palatability in January 2014 at Hyde Park.

