



Viscount

Perennial ryegrass

Description & heading dates

Throughout NZ, perennial ryegrass (*Lolium perenne*) is the grass of choice for permanent pastures. It establishes rapidly, yields well, tolerates a range of management practices and has a high nutritive value.

Tetraploid perennial ryegrass

- More early spring growth and better total yield than *Bealey*
- It is more upright for ease of harvest, allowing good clover content and boosting animal performance
- Very palatable with high feed value - for those looking for maximum per animal performance
- Viscount and Trojan can be sown together in wider range of situations
- NEA endophyte providing superior animal performance with a very low risk of animal health problems

VISCOUNT NEA
PERENNIAL
RYEGRASS

Viscount has been a standout tetraploid perennial ryegrass in Agriseeds plant breeding programme, with significantly more early spring growth and better total yield than *Bealey*. Add to this improved rust resistance and better summer feed quality too.

Download a *Viscount* brochure [here](#).

Seasonal growth

Viscount has a flowering date of +19 days (6 days earlier than *Bealey*). The biggest gain with *Viscount* is in its early spring growth, coinciding with calving when feed is most valuable. For dairy farmers extra grass at this time of year has been valued at an average of \$0.46/kgDM in the DairyNZ Forage Value Index.

Feed quality

Viscount has reduced aftermath heading and improved rust tolerance. It is more upright for ease of harvest, allowing good clover content and boosting animal performance.

Animal performance

In addition to providing high quality feed, *Viscount* comes with *NEA* endophyte, similar to that in *Bealey* and *Shogun*. This plays an important role in providing superior animal performance with a very low risk of animal health problems, such as ryegrass staggers. As a matter of caution we currently do not recommend *Viscount NEA* be used for horses or deer.

Sowing *Viscount*