

FESCUES & OTHER GRASSES

Matua Prairie Grass

High quality feed with all year round production

Bromus willdenowii

As a pasture brome species it will persist for longer than ryegrass. It provides for an excellent long season option with strong summer heat tolerance as well as good winter production, and is perfectly suited to rotational grazing systems. A good quality and highly palatable pasture even at seedhead stage. Needs to be well managed to achieve high production levels.

ABOUT THIS VARIETY

Matua Prairie Grass is an annual to short lived perennial grass. Most growth occurs in autumn, winter and spring. It is well suited to fertile, well drained soils.

One key attribute of Matua Prairie Grass is that it keeps its palatability through the growing season even as it approaches maturity. Unlike other grasses it does not produce a lot of lignin, which makes plants unpalatable and indigestible.

Prairie Grass is a member of the Bromus species. There are three major brome species in commercial use; Prairie Grass, Pasture Brome, and Grazing Brome. Bromes are more heat tolerant than ryegrasses. Bromes maintain their high-quality status even when in a reproductive state. Bromes have the potential to persist for longer than ryegrass in subtropical pastures, this is of most benefit to the northern states of Australia.

Recommended companion species are Tonic Plantain, Choice Chicory, white and red clover, lucerne and annual legumes. Sowing this combination of species will create a balanced high-performance pasture. Prairie Grass is best established as the sole grass in a mix to gain the maximum benefit from establishment and grazing utilisation.



QUICK FACTS

-  **TYPE & PERSISTENCY**
Short-term (1–2 years)
-  **MIN RAINFALL**
650 mm+
-  **SOIL & PH**
Soil range: Loam to Heavy · pH 5.5+ (CaCl₂)
-  **SOWING RATE**
25–40 kg/ha General
-  **END USE**
Grazing
-  **GROWTH SEASON**
Year-round

KEY ATTRIBUTES

- ✓ Persists longer than ryegrass
- ✓ Maintains quality in hot months
- ✓ Clover and herb friendly
- ✓ Highly palatable cool season grass, even at seedhead
- ✓ Reseeds itself for a longer stand life
- ✓ High protein content

PLANTING & GRAZING NOTES

Sow in early autumn into fertile, free draining, weed free soil at a depth of 5-15mm, with a phosphorus based starter fertiliser and on-going nitrogen applications. Matua must be rotationally grazed for good production and persistence: it should be grazed in a strict rotation and harvested only after the plant reaches boot or early seed stage. A rest period of 25-35 days is required between grazing/harvests depending on the time of the year, faster in the cooler periods, slower during the warmer summer months. Matua will not tolerate continuous grazing or grazing under wet/muddy conditions.

STAND LIFE

Annual to short lived perennial grass. Reseeds itself each growth period for a longer stand life. Must be rotationally grazed for good production and persistence.

HOW IT'S SOLD

FORM	PACK
Bare	25 kg