

# Comparison of pasture varieties

## Key findings

- The average dry matter production for the first year pasture and regenerated pasture varieties were very similar, averaging 3.5t/ha in 2012

## Why do the trial?

To compare the performance of first year pasture against regenerated pasture varieties.

## How was it done?

<b>Plot size</b>	1.4m x 10m	<b>Fertiliser</b>	DAP + Zn 2% @ 50kg/ha
<b>Seeding date</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> June 2011 for the regenerated section and the 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2012 for the first year pasture mixes		

This trial was not a replicated trial and so the results do not include statistics. Dry matter cuts were taken from two places within each plot using a quadrat, on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

## Results

The first year pasture growth ranged from 2.17t/ha (Winter express blend) to 6.01t/ha (Wintaroo oats) while the regenerated legume variety production ranged from 2.95t/ha (Angel strand medic) to 3.99t/ha (Melilotus). In previous regenerated pasture trials Sulla Hedysarum has also produced very good dry matter production.

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Variety	Dry matter (t/ha)
<b>Sown 30<sup>th</sup> May 2012</b>	
Forage pea	3.04
Tetrone ryegrass	3.81
Wintaroo oats	6.01
Canola + vetch mix	4.25
Vetch + oats mix	3.36
Winter express - ryegrass, clover and medic blend	2.17
<b>Sown 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011 - regenerated</b>	
Melilotis	3.99
Angel strand medic	2.95
Frontier balansa clover	3.46
Antas sub clover	3.84
Lynx barrell medic	3.03

*Table 1. Pasture dry matter production (t/ha) for first year or regenerated pasture varieties at Hart in 2012.*