



**Cropmark**  
**Blade**  
 Italian Ryegrass



### DESCRIPTION

A new broad leaved, densely tillered diploid Italian ryegrass, bred for fast establishment and very strong year-round growth with high winter, spring yields to help minimise feed deficits at that time of the year. Being very late heading (+24 days) and with very good disease resistance, it will maintain feed quality for longer into spring, making it ideally suited for improved milk yields and for improved livestock finishing around this time.

### SUITABILITY / USE

Recommended for use with all high performance systems and livestock types (sheep, cattle, horses, deer, goats) as a specialist short term (1-2 year) pasture, or for over-sowing into run-out or damaged pastures to extend their life.

### BENEFITS

- ▶ Rapid establishment and re-growth
- ▶ High yield performance across all seasons, with strong winter and spring growth
- ▶ Very late heading (+24 days) for carrying pasture quality longer into spring
- ▶ Very good disease resistance
- ▶ Suitable for short term pastures (1-2 years) or for over-sowing into run-out or damaged pastures to extend their life

### AGRONOMIC TRAITS

PERSISTENCE	HEADING DATES (DAYS CF NUI)	SOWING RATE (KGS/HA)	RUST RESISTANCE (1 = susceptible, 9 = resistant)	WINTER & EARLY SPRING ACTIVITY	MINIMUM RAINFALL (mls)
1-2 YEARS	+ 24	20-25	9	VERY HIGH	450+

### PERFORMANCE

Variety	Establishment	Autumn	Winter	E Spring	L Spring	Summer	Total
<b>Blade</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>110</b>
Asset AR37	69	111	95	93	100	118	106
Sonik	105	104	112	106	102	105	104
Tabu	107	106	106	103	97	105	102
Feast 2	101	101	98	101	104	100	101
Warrior	103	105	101	101	99	91	99
Accelerate	102	91	98	102	98	96	97
Velocity	96	72	79	77	88	76	80
Mean (kgs)	1,752	3,419	1,192	1,923	3,351	4,101	13,151
Mean (%)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
LSD	81	294	100	127	193	237	631
%CV	11.6	19.5	20.8	16.4	14.3	13.7	11.9

Source: Pooled dry matter yield results of 12 trials conducted by Cropmark Seeds Ltd on farms in at Hamilton, Tokoroa, Taupo, Feilding Masterton, Ashburton, Burnham, Norwood, Woodbury, Milton, Knapdale and Dacre, 2010-2014.