

HAYMAKER

THE CUT AND CARRY SPECIALIST

Haymaker is a specialist warm season C4 annual grass which makes great quality hay and silage across several cuts throughout the warmest seasons of the year. Best suited to the warmer northern regions of NZ. Not suited for grazing due to limited rooting depth.

Haymaker can be used as a specialist silage or hay crop throughout northern New Zealand in regions where there is no risk of frosts. Quick to establish to the first cut as well as short intervals to subsequent cuts, four or more cuts* can usually be achieved in a season. Haymaker is perfect for sowing late in the season following crop failures or for late plantings.



Agronomic traits

- **Persistence (months):** 5-7*
- **Disease resistance:** Good
- **Sowing timeframe:** Soil temp 18°C +
- **Protein content:** Med - High
- **Growth peak:** Summer to early Autumn
- **Sowing rate (kg/ha):** 6-8

*Subject to climate, insect pest pressure and management

Benefits

- Short maturity timeframe
- Multiple cuts
- Resistant to insects which damage other summer crops
- High protein levels
- High water use efficiency
- Low risk of nitrates and prussic acid compounds

A warm-season C4 annual grass for northern NZ, offering rapid establishment and multiple high-quality cuts for hay and silage, with high protein levels and pest resistance.

	Haymaker baleage	Pasture baleage	Low grain maize silage
DM	33.9%	35.45%	28-40%
ME	9.7 MJME	9.5-11.5 MJME	10-10.5 MJME
CP%	18% *	12-17%	8%
NDF	53	45-55	53-45-50

Data for Haymaker is from a forage sample taken from a Waikato Haymaker crop, 2021.

Forage quality analysis conducted by Hill Laboratories, Hamilton

Data for the other 2 comparisons comes from DairyNZ facts and figures

* Subject to management and climatic conditions