

CHICO

ROCKET FUEL FOR LIVESTOCK PERFORMANCE

A high yielding, very high quality, leafy chicory. Chico has fast establishment, rapid re-growth, strong insect resistance and good drought tolerance.

Chico can be used as a specialist and flexible multi-graze summer forage crop for maximising summer milk production in dairy cows or for finishing stock in drystock situations.

It can also be used as a component of pasture mixes adding extra quality through the summer when other plants come under moisture stress. It is suited for use with sheep, cattle and deer, and can be used throughout the country, particularly in summer-dry regions.



Agronomic traits

- Persistence (years): 2-3 *
- Diamondback moth resistance: 9**
- Winter activity: Moderate
- Growth peak: spring to autumn
- Sowing rate (kg/ha): Mixes: 1-2
Alone: 8-10

*Subject to climate, insect pest pressure and management
** 1 = Susceptible 9 = Resistant

Benefits

- Very high quality, high yielding summer forage crop
- High in metabolisable energy and minerals
- Very high livestock performance potential
- Improved drought tolerance and nutrient uptake due to deep tap root
- Fast establishing and flexible grazing management
- Tolerant of brassica insect pests

Chico is a high-yielding, drought-tolerant chicory that maximises livestock performance with high-quality summer forage, rapid establishment, and pest tolerance, ideal for summer-dry regions.

Chico (left) vs competitor variety (right)

