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Background

Commando is the latest high-yielding perennial ryegrass release bred by AgResearch Grasslands. It is a medium-tillered, diploid perennial ryegrass, with a medium flowering date. *Commando* is a very high yielding cultivar, both in the cool and warmer periods of the year.

Commando was bred from persistent plants selected in Northland, and crossed with elite plants from the AgResearch breeding pools. Selection and breeding was conducted in Northland because it is a tough environment for ryegrass, which puts high pressure on both persistence and rust tolerance. When *Commando* has been tested in regions that are more favourable for ryegrass, it has been shown to have outstanding persistence and rust tolerance, in addition to good production levels. This breeding method has also resulted in boosts to seasonal production with the warmer winters allowing selection for winter growth, and the hot summers resulting in selection for heat tolerance.

Commando is one of the first cultivars to be commercially available with *AR37* novel endophyte.

Characteristics

Perenniality	Leaf Size	Flowering Date	Suggested Sowing Rate (kg/ha)
100% Perennial	Medium	Medium	Pure sward 13-20

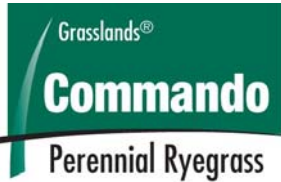
Rust Tolerance	1000 Seed Weight	Chromosome No.	Endophyte Status
Very high	2.4 grams	Diploid	AR1 or low endophyte

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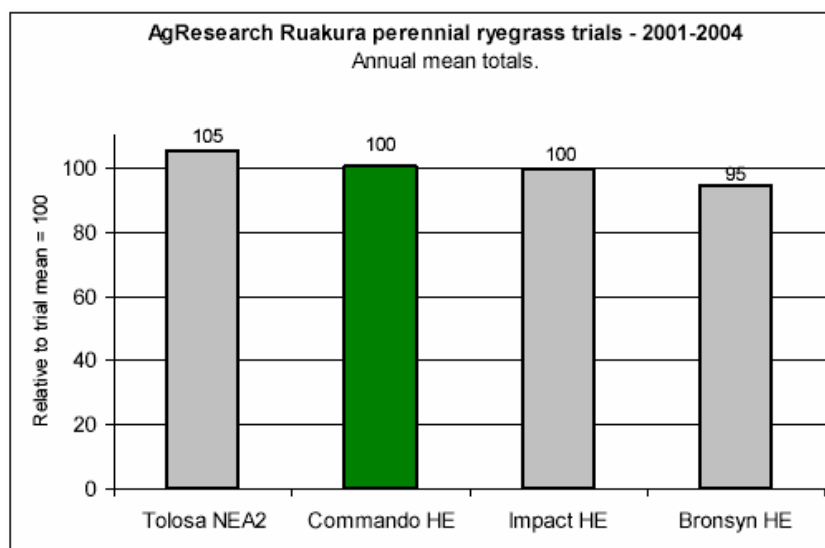
Key Features

- ✓ Available with *AR37* novel endophyte
- ✓ A top yielding ryegrass
- ✓ Improved cool and warm season growth
- ✓ Bred from persistent plant types
- ✓ Excellent disease tolerance

Production Data

Commando has proven yield advantages in trial situations as well as in farmer evaluations.

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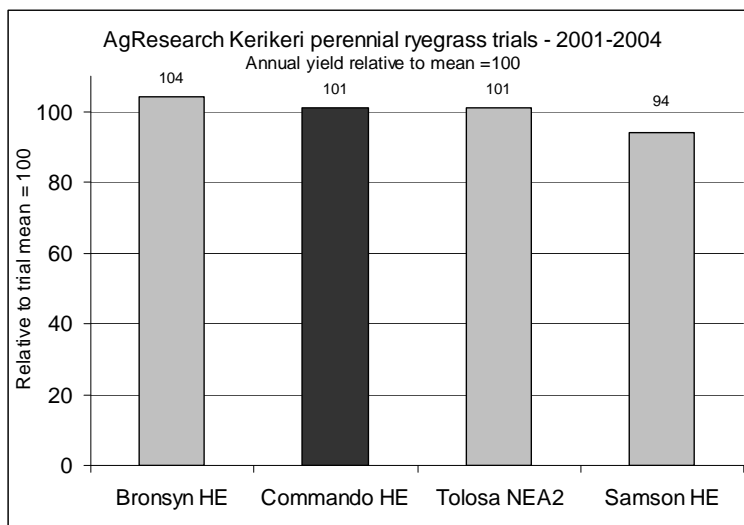
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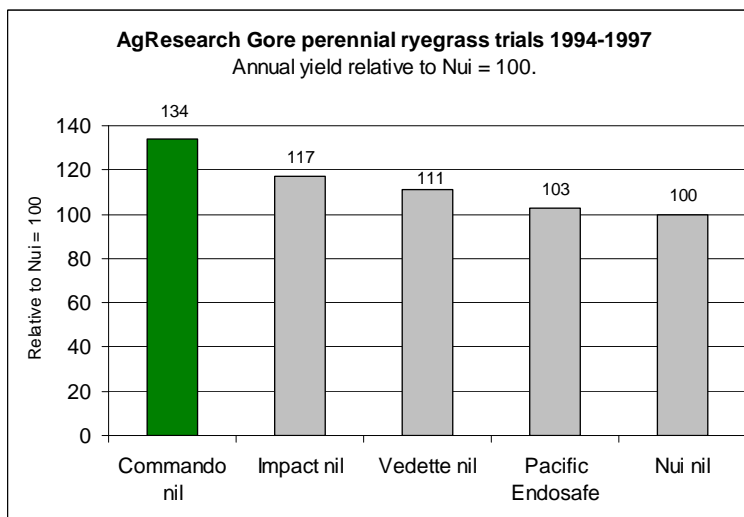
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Northland



Southland

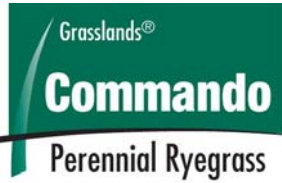


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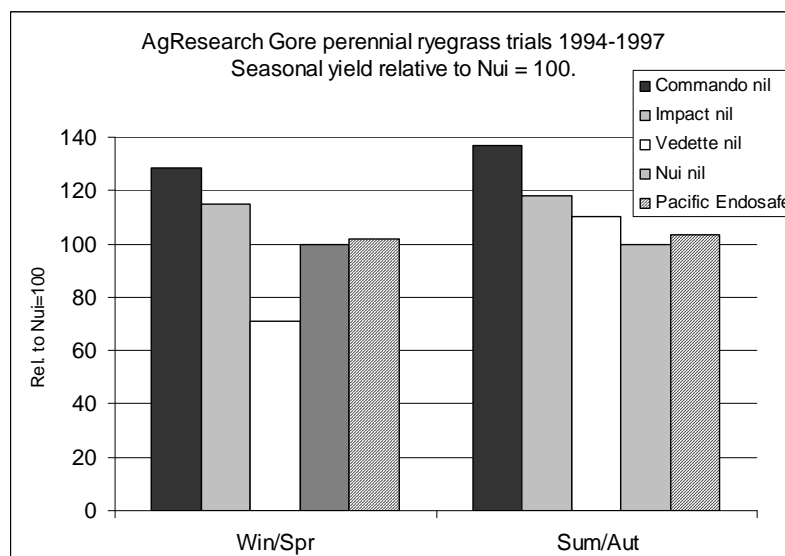
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