

# Agrinote



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## Background

**Gala** grazing brome is the equivalent of perennial ryegrass in the brome family. **Gala** is a versatile species for use on free-draining soils, in areas with summer-dry conditions. Compared with prairie grass, the dense, fine-tillered growth ensures persistence under harsher climatic and grazing conditions. Farms in the dry eastern regions benefit from the rapid autumn recovery, good winter and early-spring growth, and persistence under close grazing.

For optimum establishment, **Gala** grazing brome should be sown at no less than 25 kg/ha, at a depth of 5-15mm, into free draining soils above 10°C. Where possible, cross-drilling and rolling will promote greater ground cover. It is ideally mixed with other dryland species, particularly sub clover.

**Gala** grazing brome is tolerant of moderate grass grub and Argentine stem weevil feeding, but does not perform well in wet, heavy soils.

**Gala** grazing brome is a short plant, and production potential is maximised when the pasture is regularly grazed, as when left it rarely grows above 15cm. The endophyte-free status ensures safe summer and early-autumn grazing. **Gala** grazing brome should not be taken for supplementary feed.

## Key Features

- ✓ Drought tolerant
- ✓ Excellent grazing tolerance
- ✓ Dense tiller growth
- ✓ Rapid autumn recovery
- ✓ Ideally suited to light soils

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## Characteristics

Perenniality	Plant Density	Heading Date	Sowing Rate (kg/ha)	Leaf Size	Growth Habit	Winter Activity	1000 Seed Weight
Perennial	High	Very early	Pure sward 25-30	Fine	Prostrate/short	High	11.5 grams

## Seasonal Production

Valuable production After Summer Dry					
Seasonal Production of Dryland Brome Cultivars (kg DM/ha) (mean of 3 years), NFVT Canterbury, sown 1998.					
Cultivar	Winter	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Total
<b>Gala</b>	<b>1900</b>	<b>4434</b>	<b>4373</b>	<b>4032</b>	<b>14739</b>
Bareno	1598	4887	4522	3482	14489
Trial Mean	1782	4718	4471	3561	14533
LSD	382	571	514	477	1482

The above figure demonstrates the strengths that **Gala** has with recovery from drought conditions in autumn and winter.

## Suggested Sowing Mix

Cultivar	Kg/ha
<b>Gala</b> grazing brome	25-30
Nomad white clover (bare seed equivalent)	3
Goulburn subterranean clover (bare seed equivalent)	6
Tonic plantain	1-2

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