Grasslands® Legion Perennial Ryegrass*

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AR128 grasslanz endophyte AR1 grasslanz endophyte

All regions, all seasons, complete all rounder.

Legion AR128 can be used in general sheep and beef pastures having excellent density for periods of set stocking and winter grazing. It is also a high-performance grass that is highly suited to dairy pastures and runoffs. **Legion** is one of the recent generation of particularly strong perennial ryegrasses for autumn production.

- Very high summer, autumn and winter growth
- Excellent density for periods of set stocking and winter grazing
- Very low aftermath seeding and excellent summer leafiness
- Very good tiller size and leaf length

Characteristics

Ploidy	Perenniality	Heading date	Suggested sowing rate	Endophyte	Rust tolerance	Aftermath heading
Diploid	Perennial	Late (+ 13*)	18-20 kg/ha	AR128, AR1 & LE	Excellent	Low aftermath heading in comparison to other cultivars of a similar heading date

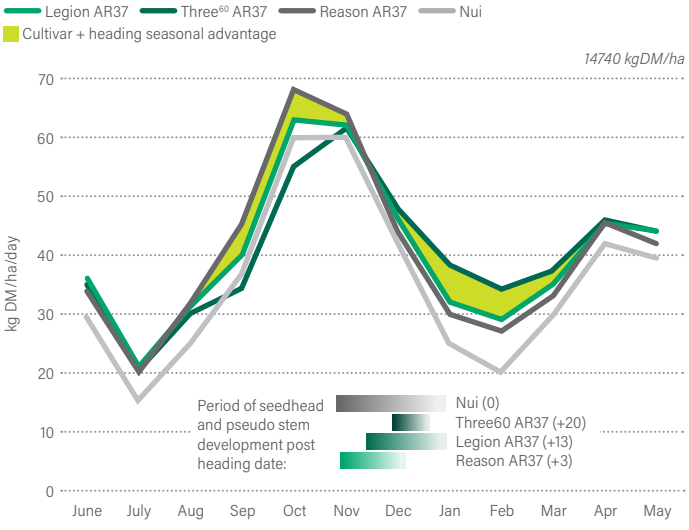
Heading date comparisons

Legion has a +13 day heading date vs Nui* at 0 days. In Agricom's portfolio, **Legion** is intermediate between Three[60] at +20 days and Reason at +3.

Legion (front middle) in the Waikato, 21st December 2019.

Legion AR37 (left) showing outstanding rust tolerance against Nui (right).

Figure 1. Influence of heading date on Agricom ryegrass' seasonal drymatter production over 2020-2022 in the Manawatu



* Nui heading date at 0 days is the 22nd October

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Performance data

For a cultivar fully released in the early 2020's **Legion** already has a narrow statistical error bar providing confidence in **Legion's** results. Agricom have invested in more trials so that confidence in the result can be increased over the coming years.

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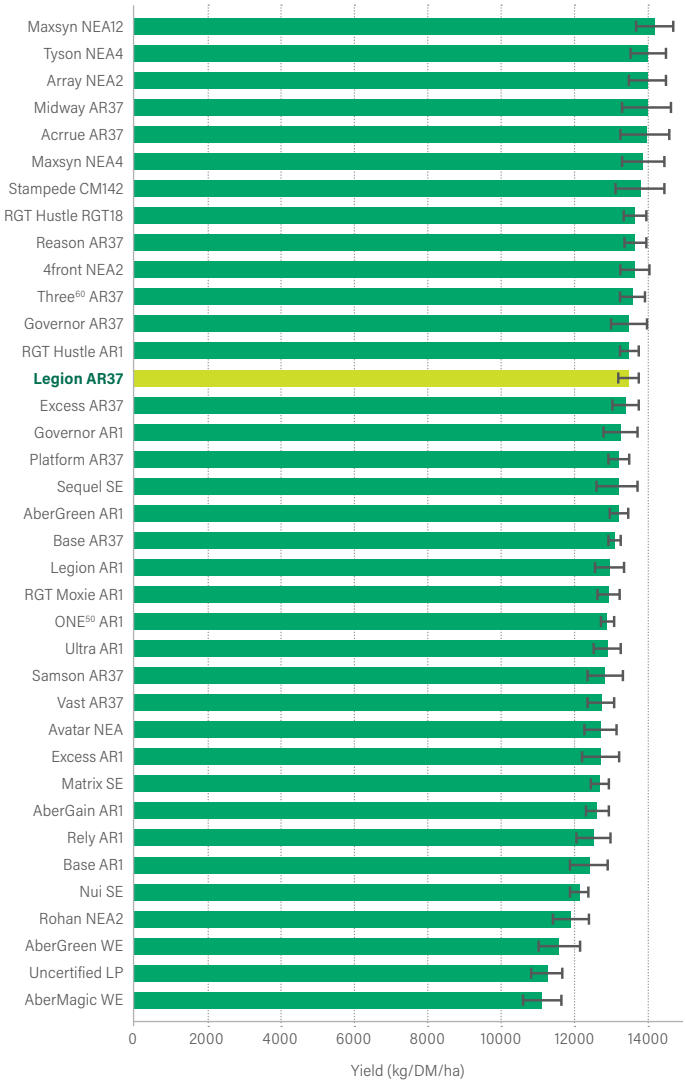
Total Yield



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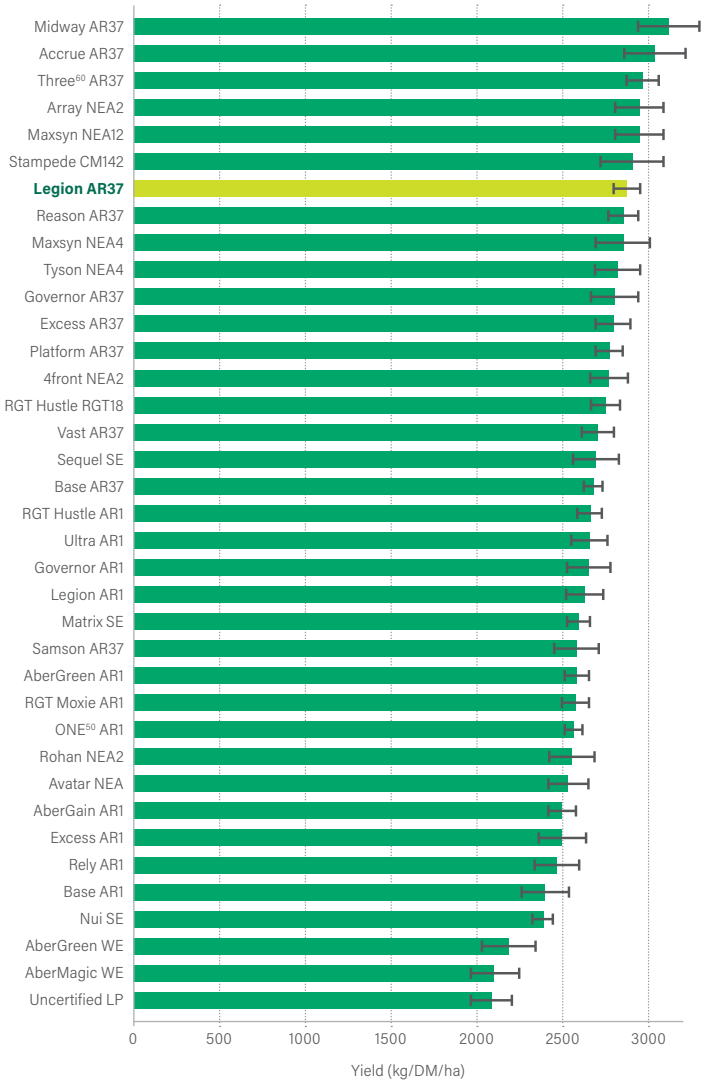

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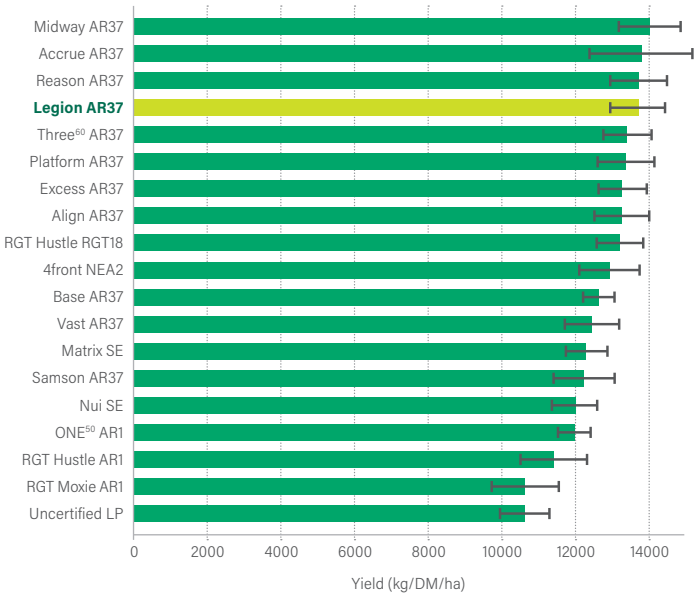
Performance summary

Legion has completed a minimum of three NZPBRA trials in the upper North Island, lower North Island and upper South Island making it one of the more modern ryegrasses to have this level of confidence in regional evaluation.

Winter	Early spring	Late spring	Summer	Autumn
High	Above average. Tends to be stronger in cooler climates where total yields are smaller. Good in warmer climates but others are stronger	Industry average	High	Very high

NFVT Perennial Ryegrass | Upper North Island | 2026-2027

Total Yield



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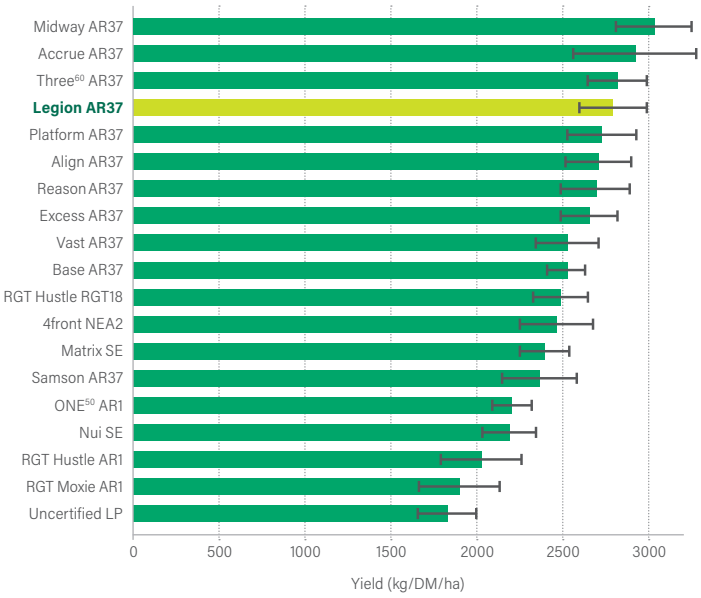

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NFVT Perennial Ryegrass | Lower North Island | 2026-2027

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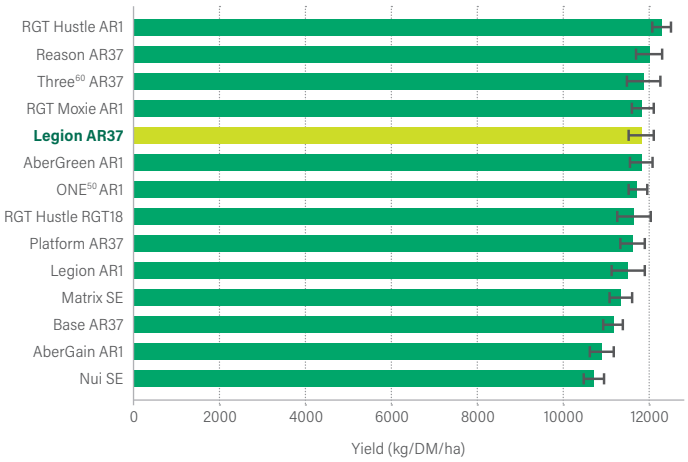

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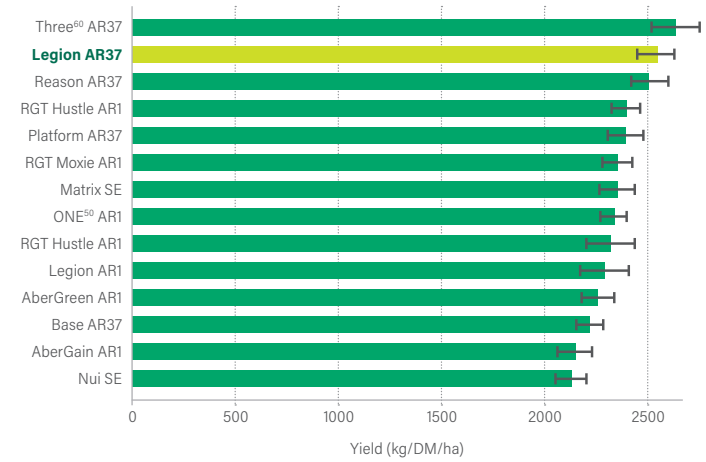

NFVT Perennial Ryegrass | Upper South Island | 2026-2027

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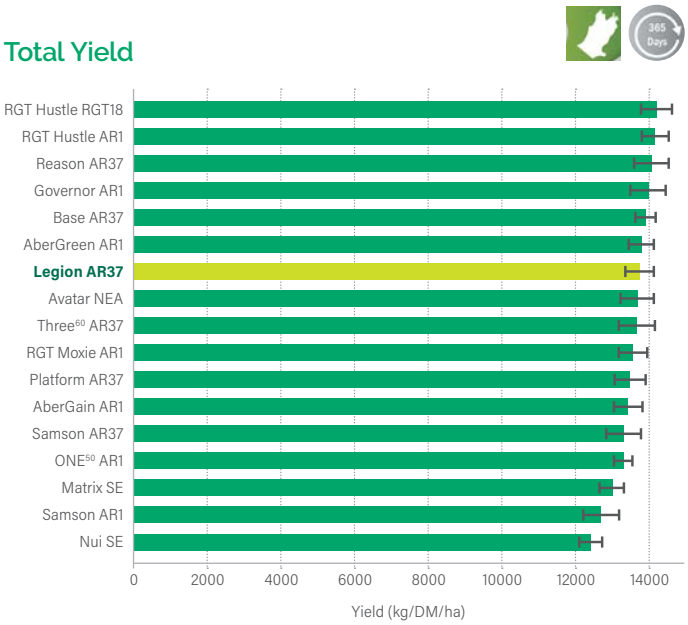

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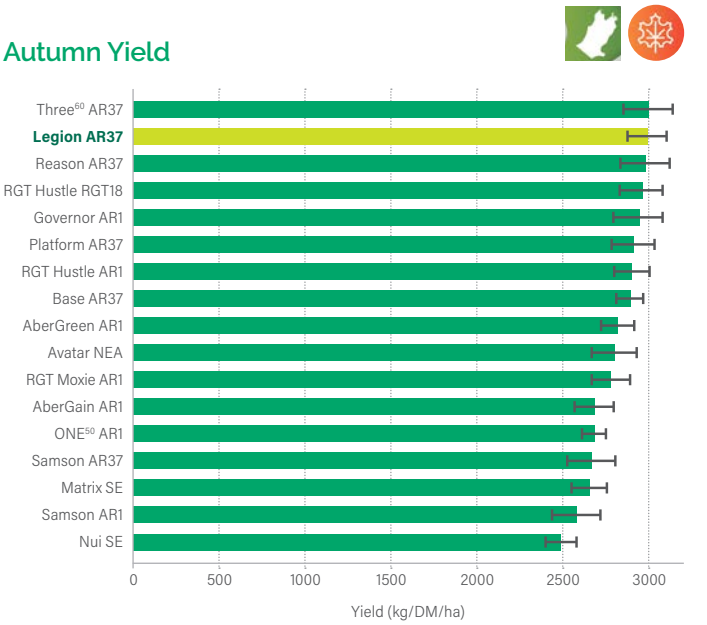

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Example mixes include:

SHEEP AND BEEF

Legion can be used in general sheep and beef pastures and has excellent density for periods of set stocking and winter grazing. It has a good spring growth habit while maintaining low aftermath seeding in summer, helping with pasture quality through summer into autumn for mating.

Legion AR128, **AR1**# or LE perennial ryegrass*	18 kg/ha
Attribute white clover	3 kg/ha
Emblem white clover	2 kg/ha
Relish red clover	4 kg/ha
Choice chicory	2 kg/ha
Ecotain® environmental plantain	1 kg/ha
Total	**30 kg/ha**

DAIRY

Legion AR128 is a high performance grass that is highly suited to dairy pastures and runoffs. The strengths of autumn and winter production helps with pasture cover at these critical times and its summer leafiness and lack of aftermath seed head makes it ideal for summer production.

Legion AR128, **AR1**# or LE perennial ryegrass*	20 kg/ha
Brace white clover	3 kg/ha
Attribute white clover	2 kg/ha
Total	**25 kg/ha**

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*It is not advisable to mix **AR128** and **AR1** varieties. **AR1** is not recommended for areas where black beetle, porina or root aphid are common problem pests. Grass seed should be **Superstrike*** treated where Argentine stem weevil, black beetle or grass grub are a risk to seedlings. **AR128** is only recommended for sheep, beef, and dairy.

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