

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MILTON TRIAL SITE THIS YEAR

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"Granules of Knowledge"
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Much like the rest of south west Victoria, things are off to a dry start at the Milton Trial Site. Despite the lack of a break, trials are in the ground and are just waiting on that autumn rain. Here are a few things we're looking forward to seeing germinate in 2024.

After a successful year in 2023, a new annual ryegrass trial was sown in early April. With a mixture of newer varieties and some old favorites, this trial will see us assess these varieties for their growth throughout the year. There will also be assessments on their germination and early plant density this year.

We will also be assessing hybrid, Italian and perennial ryegrasses that are in their second year. These trials were sown in 2023 and have made it through the summer. Varieties will also be assessed for their dry matter, as well as their long term plant density.

It will be interesting to see how all of these ryegrasses handle such an unusually dry start to the season. Keep an eye out for results throughout the year as we assess them for their suitability to the Coleraine region.

You can also see a similar trial conducted with sub clover this year. Sown in pure clover plots in a replicated trial, we will be assessing various varieties for their early vigour and dry matter production throughout the year. We are expecting big things from some new varieties that are included in the trial this year, so make sure to check them out at our Annual Field Day.

The trusty chemical matrix will be featured again this year. A range of chemicals will be applied over some already established broadleaf pastures to assess their impact on pasture growth and their success in suppressing or killing target weeds. Keep an eye out for some interesting chemical mixes and results from that one in winter.

Other trials, including species suitability to late sowing, our long term lucerne demonstration and fertiliser trials, will also be taking place throughout the year. Keep an eye on our social media pages for further information regarding these exciting trials. If you see anything here or on social media you would like more information on, please contact your Vickery Bros or McDonald Rural Agronomist for a private tour, or keep an ear out for details regarding our Annual Field Day.

2024 MILTON TRIAL SITE AUTUMN LAYOUT

KEY:

Perennial Trials

Sown Autumn 2024

Bulk Annual
Ryegrass -
Nitrogen

N2

Perennial
Ryegrass Trial

Hybrid Ryegrass
Trial

C1

Chemical
Matrix

C2

Clover
Variety
Trial

C3

Lucerne

S1

Italian
Ryegrass
Trial

Annual
Ryegrass
Trial

S2

Late Break
Sowing Trial;
Species &
Sowing Rates

S3

Lower Hlgay Rd

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Glenelg Grass Growers Best Wool Best Lamb Group

Presents....

Managing The Late Break Field Day

Tuesday 21st May 2025 2pm -5.30pm

West Cuyuc – 940 Woodacres Road, Nareen

A fantastic line up of speakers discussing strategies around managing lambing ewes during a late break.

Containment Feeding Designs and Strategies – Rich Edgar, Tim Leeming

Feed Budgeting and monitoring for Pregnant and Lambing Ewes – LTEM /RIST- Bec Malseed

Animal Health for pregnant and Lambing ewes- Jane Gaussen (The Livestock Vet), Coopers Animal Health

Grain and Fodder Access – *JK Milling

Speed Feed – Strategies for growing feed fast with Josh Brown*McDonald Rural Services and Elizabeth Kennedy *Vickery Bros

Early Weaning Strategies/ Ewe Recovery for 2025 – Tim Leeming

Looking after Yourself and Managing the Mental Load – Ken Solly

ALL FARMERS WELCOME

FREE BBQ and DRINKS PROVIDED from 5.30 pm

Trial Site layout for 2024