Perennial ryegrass

**AberGreen** – Intermediate heading diploid High Sugar perennial ryegrass. Has high D-values under both grazing and silage managements combined with very high silage and grazing yields. Excellent ground cover. *New for 2011! HVG,SAC*

**AberBite** – Outstanding new late heading tetraploid perennial ryegrass. Top yielding late variety under both grazing and silage managements with high D-values. *HVG*

**AberFarrell** – Intermediate heading diploid High Sugar perennial ryegrass. High grazing yield, highest silage D-value. *HVG,SAC*

**AberChoice** – Late diploid High Sugar perennial ryegrass. Top silage yields plus top grazing yields and high grazing D-value. *HVG,SAC*

**AberSweet** – Intermediate heading diploid High Sugar perennial ryegrass. High ground cover high grazing yield - very high sugar levels. *HVG*

**AberMagic** – Diploid intermediate-heading perennial ryegrass. Very high yields under both managements with a high D-value at the 1st conservation cut. Exceptionally high sugar levels. *HVG,SAC*

**AberStar** – Diploid intermediate-heading perennial ryegrass. Higher yielding than AberDart under both managements with especially high yields at the 67D cut. High mid-season digestibility with further improvements in sugar levels. *HVG,SAC,DARD*

**AberDart** – Diploid intermediate-heading perennial ryegrass. Excellent early spring and late summer growth with total annual yields under simulated grazing similar to AberElan. Improved mid-season digestibility (3% units higher than average under simulated grazing) and improved sugar content. Good resistance to crown rust. Ground cover better than average. The first grass variety to win the NIAB Variety Cup in 2003. *HVG,SAC,DARD*

**AberAvon** – Late heading diploid perennial ryegrass with high mid-season digestibility and high sugar content giving improved yields under a simulated grazing management. *HVG,SAC,DARD*

**AberZest** – Late heading diploid perennial ryegrass. It combines improved sugar content with high yields and better than average ground cover and persistency. *HVG,SAC, DARD*

**AberGold** – Diploid intermediate-heading perennial ryegrass. Very high mid-season digestibility. Good resistance to crown rust. Very good ground cover. *HVG,SAC*

**AberGlyn** – Tetraploid intermediate-heading perennial ryegrass. Good early spring growth and high yielding under both conservation and grazing management systems. *HVG,SAC*

**AberTorch** – Tetraploid early-heading perennial ryegrass. Excellent early spring growth combined with very high yields under both conservation and simulated grazing managements. *HVG,SAC,DARD*

**AberCraigs** – Tetraploid late-heading perennial ryegrass. Outstanding early spring growth for a late heading variety. Higher yielding than Condesa under both conservation and simulated grazing managements, and more resistant to crown rust. Good mid-season digestibility. Average ground cover for a tetraploid. *HVG,SAC,DARD*

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**Italian, Festulolium & Hybrid ryegrass**

**AberNiche** – Tetraploid festulolium (a cross involving Italian ryegrass and meadow fescue). Highly productive and has shown improved winter hardness compared to other Italian ryegrasses. *New for 2011! HVG*

**AberEcho** – The highest yielding tetraploid hybrid
ryegrass, heading around 16th May. Very high sugar content. Use in medium term leys of 3 - 5 years. **HVG,SAC,DARD**

**AberEve** – Tetraploid hybrid ryegrass which has an excellent yield at 67D coupled with very good ground cover and an excellent mid-season D-value. **HVG,SAC**

**AberExcel** – Tetraploid hybrid ryegrass, heading around 22nd May. This variety equals the yield of tetraploid Italian ryegrass over two years. Good D-value, disease resistance and persistence. Use in medium term leys of 3-5 years. **HVG,SAC,DARD**

**Cocksfoot**

**AberTop** – Diploid cocksfoot, having good digestibility at the first conservation cut. Good ground cover. **HVG,SAC**

**White clover**

**AberAce** – Very small leaved white clover with improved ground cover and yield. Very persistent under intensive sheep grazing. Adapted to harsh upland conditions. **HVG,DARD**

**AberPearl** – Small leaved but larger leaves than AberAce. High yields throughout the season giving especially good grass/clover yields. **HVG,SAC**

**AberCrest** – Small leaved excellent cold hardiness coupled with good low temperature growth. For use in sheep systems. **SAC**

**AberHerald** – Medium leaved. Excellent cold hardiness coupled with good low temperature growth. Rapid regrowth after defoliation. High yields under rotational sheep and cattle grazing. **HVG,SAC,DARD**

**AberDai** – Medium leaved. High yields under lax cutting and/or grazing but will also persist under hard sheep grazing. Excellent winter survival. HVG control variety from 2005. **HVG, SAC, DARD**

**AberVantage** – Medium leaved. High yields under rotational grazing/cutting. Supports high companion grass yield. **SAC,DARD**

**AberConcord** – Medium leaved white clover with the high yields of large leaved varieties. No reduction in yield with moderate (eg 250kg) levels of inorganic nitrogen fertiliser. **HVG**

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**Red clover**

**AberChianti** – New early flowering diploid variety exhibiting exceptionally high yields and persistency. **New for 2011! HVG**

**AberRuby** – Exceptionally high yielding variety. Being grown for commercial seed production this year. **HVG**

**AberBlaze** – New red clover variety with excellent overall ground cover. Early flowering diploid with exceptional yields, particularly at the first cut. **HVG**

**AberClaret** – Brand new early flowering diploid with exceptionally high yield. Bred for strong crowns leading to vastly improved persistency. Trials have shown that it yields over 17 tonnes of dry matter in the 2nd year, 14 tonnes in both 3rd and 4th years and 10 tonnes in the 5th year. **HVG,SAC**

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