



## Tall fescue

The fescue that you'd think was ryegrass!

- Palatable and easy to graze.
- Persistent, with excellent grazing tolerance.
- Excellent animal performance
- Very late heading date.
- Available with novel endophyte (Protek)

Tower is a unique tall fescue that overcomes the negative features of older cultivars, and the limitations often found with perennial ryegrass.

Tower is a soft and palatable grass, that animals prefer to eat over ryegrass at trial sites. This makes Tower easy to manage and results in excellent animal performance in beef cattle, lambs, and dairy cows. It is easier than older fescues to maintain leafy and high quality pasture in late spring and summer due to the very late heading date (up to 28 days later) and palatable leaf.

Previous clump-forming cultivars with soft leaves have not persisted well due to over-grazing in dry conditions. Tower breaks this link between palatability and persistence because it has a low growing point and dense/spreading growth habit, quickly forming a dense matt over the soil.

Tower is a new and better option for those already using tall fescue, and for farmers wishing to overcome the limitations of perennial ryegrass in many of our environments. It is available with Protek, an animal-safe endophyte that increases insect tolerance and makes Tower persistent in all regions.

Tower is suited to all fertile soils in New Zealand, and even has better tolerance of wet soils and flooding than ryegrass, and soils are less likely to get pugged once it is fully established.

[Click here to see a video of how Ben uses Tower.](#)

"Tower has really changed the growth rates on our young cattle, we are seeing an advantage of 0.4 kg/head/day over winter compared with Italian and perennial ryegrasses. The general health of the stock on Tower is amazing to see." - Ben Absalom, Rissinatton Station. Hawkes Bay.

