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ITALIAN  
RYEGRASS  
FVI 2025\*

# Tempo Italian Ryegrass

Pasture ryegrass



500mm+



4.8–8.0



Most soil types



PBR

Tempo is the newest diploid Italian ryegrass available from Barenbrug. Tempo offers farmers the ultimate in pasture performance with faster establishment, improved winter growth and bigger pasture yields than any other diploid Italian ryegrass on the market.

Tempo is suitable for grazing, hay or silage and will carry-through into a second year under favourable conditions.

## Key features

- Late-heading diploid Italian ryegrass
- Rapid establishment with good winter growth
- Superior total yield. Tempo has topped 9 out of 17 diploid Italian trials for total yield
- Good 2nd year yield under favourable conditions.

## Key benefits

- A more productive and profitable pasture
- Faster to establish than other Italian ryegrasses for fodder when you need it most (heading into winter)
- Confidence that if seasonal conditions are favourable, Tempo will persist into the second year for another productive pasture.

\*#1 Ranked Diploid Italian Ryegrass in the 2025 Dairy Australia (FVI)

# Agronomy and management

## Sowing rates

For best results sow Tempo at 22–28 kg/ha into a clean, weed-free seed-bed with adequate soil fertility.

## Sowing depth

Ryegrass can be sown at 5–20 mm, however if sowing in a mix with clover, try to keep the sowing depth from 5–10mm.

## Grazing

Ensure the first grazing doesn't take place until the plants are sufficiently anchored. Use your hand to pull on the plants at grazing height. If the plants remain in the ground, then grazing can commence. Ideally, ryegrass should be rotationally grazed for optimal growth. To do this, graze at the 2.5–3 leaf stage, then let the plants rest again to the 2.5–3 leaf stage to re-charge the carbohydrates levels to enable better growth rates.

## Weeds

Ideally reducing the weed burden of a paddock should commence in the season prior to sowing by reducing the seed-set of annual weeds with either a herbicide control or silage. Additionally a knock-down herbicide (such as glyphosate) is best applied prior to sowing if weeds are present.

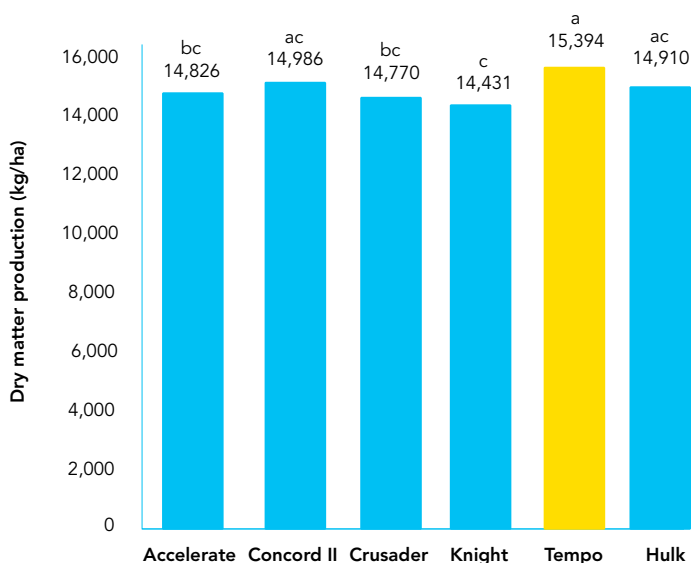
## Fertiliser

For best performance, soil fertility and acidity problems should be amended prior to sowing. It is usually best to plant ryegrass with 60–100 kg/ha of MAP or DAP at sowing to provide some starter phosphorus and nitrogen.

## Performance

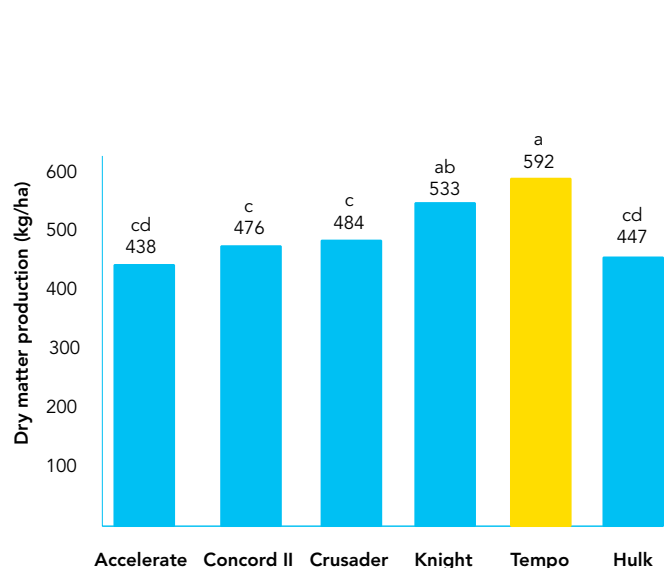
Tempo has consistently performed better than all competitor products for total forage yield, topping 9 out of 17 trials from 2012-2017 across VIC, NSW and QLD.

Italian ryegrass Year 1 total yield (kg DM/ha)  
2013-2017 combined Howlong (NSW) and Lardner (VIC)



Tempo grew more feed, averaging 507kg DM/ha more than the trial mean

Italian ryegrass establishment yield (kg DM/ha) 2013-2017  
combined Howlong (NSW) and Lardner (VIC)



Tempo is the fastest Italian ryegrass out of the ground, giving you feed heading into winter

Grow with Confidence



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