MT COOK CHICORY

Watch your production climb with Mt Cook Chicory.

A true perennial chicory adapted to all parts of New Zealand from Northland to Otago.

Murlyn Farms
Waipa

"We direct drilled a total of 15ha of Chicory on our dairy platform, 9ha of this was Mt Cook Chicory.

We got 9 grazings off the Mt Cook Chicory, and only 5 off the other variety.

There was no preference between cultivars from the cows but there was a significant improvement on cow production with the Mt Cook purely because we got 4 extra grazings."

About Mt Cook Chicory

Mt Cook is a high-yielding broadleaf perennial chicory cultivar developed in the USA. Produced and proven right here in New Zealand by Carrfields Grain & Seed it offers growers exceptional summer and autumn production in its first season, with 15-20 day return periods throughout the North Island. It is super quick to resume growth the following spring but like all perennial chicories will require regular grazing combined with follow-up topping to help keep flowering in check in its second year.

Mt Cook also offers excellent sclerontinia resistance and drought tolerance and can be gown as a pure stand or as a mixture with grass and clover.

Key attributes

- Perenial cultivar
- Large upright leaves
- Rapid regrowth
- Deep taproot
- Drought tolerant
- Resistant to selerotinia

Crop use

- ✓ Dairy
- ✓ Hay
- ✓ Beef
- ✓ Balage
- ✓ Sheep
- ✓ Silage

Establishing the crop

Best suited to moderately- to well-drained soils with medium to good fertility and a pH of 5.5 to 6.5. Apply base dressing fertiliser to correct any nutrient deficiencies and adjust soil pH if needed as per soil test recommendations.

Plant at 0.5cm to 1cm deep into a firm moist seedbed. Do not sow deeper than 1.5cm and only to get to moisture. Seed can be direct drilled into tightly-grazed, and thoroughly desiccated pasture or ex cropping land. Tilled soils should be rolled prior to sowing.

Use slug bait if there is a history or risk of slugs. The presence of large clods or direct drilling into recently desiccated pastures will be most at risk of slug damage, as will areas around fence lines etc. Rolling prior to planting will help.

Plant at 8 to 10 kg/ha as a pure stand or 2 to 3 kg/ha as a mixture.On light or drier soils consider rolling immediately after planting.

If emergence is slow or patchy to start with, consider using a Cambridge roller on an angle across the planter rows. Crops that look very patchy to start with often end up looking perfect in a few short weeks following a roll or some light rain. If in doubt, contact your seed merchant or Carrfields Grain & Seed area manager.

Agronomics

General

Max 9

Early vigour	7	Palatability	9
Regrowth	9	Digestibility	9
Yield potential	9	Drought tolerance	9
Feed quality	9	Ease of management	8
		Adaptability	9

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