

Tower is a continental fescue that has a soft and palatable leaf and is being released after excellent performance in production trials. The late heading date and palatability of Tower makes it ideal for farmers wanting to achieve high animal performance. Tower is suited to most animals, but will have greatest benefit where high performance is required from stock (e.g. dairy cows, beef and lamb finishing), and persistent pasture is also required. Tower has a relatively fine leaf and high tiller density, giving it good tolerance to the close grazing that occurs in dryland climates. Tower has very good total growth compared with other tall fescues and is particularly productive from spring to autumn. Tower is a breakthrough cultivar for users of tall fescue. In the past, cultivars have had strengths in persistence, production, or quality - but never all three. Tower has been proven to have improved pasture production and quality, but the density and low growing point means Tower is also very likely to be very persistent.