



**Joseph and Paula Genet – Feilding, Manawatu**

Joseph and Paula farm a highly productive cropping and dairy support farm in the Manawatu. Short rotation ryegrasses are an integral part of their rotation plan.

“Yes! We have been more than happy with the performance of our 40+ hectares of Winter Star II” said Joseph.

“The grazing cattle over winter were lined up and ready for a new break, much more than with the other varieties. We were impressed by the colour and the later flowering [about three weeks], really enhanced the quality of the silage we were cutting and reduced the time pressure on us and we cut 5 big bales of silage per hectare more from Winter Star II than we did from the Moata. Yes, we are happy with the Winter Star II, it is a great grass”.

**Winter Star II** TETRAPLOID ANNUAL RYEGRASS **NEW**  
*performance bred™*

- Autumn sow for high yields of quality autumn, winter and spring feed
- Use for quick, early feed, suitable for silage and grazing
- Fast establishment, making it ideal for short-term renovation (undersowing) of existing pasture
- Improved late season production and quality

Winter Star II is a tetraploid, annual ryegrass, suitable for quick winter feed with improved late season quality making it ideal for silage and hay production.

**Heading Date**

Early	Mid-Season	Late	Very Late
		Winter Star II: 9 days later than Nui	

**Stock Suitability/Endophyte Options**



**Agronomic Performance**

Winter Star II is a high yielding annual ryegrass. With fast establishment giving excellent autumn growth. As a tetraploid Winter Star II also has excellent feed quality.

**Sowing and Establishment**

Winter Star II should be sown alone at 20–35 kg/ha, using higher rates for more winter feed.

**Grazing Management**

It is recommended that a rotational feeding system be used when feeding Winter Star II to allow regrowth following grazing.

**RENOVATING (UNDERSOWING) OPTIONS**

On many farms there is an opportunity to sow (undersow) Italian or short rotation ryegrasses to provide:

- Increased dry matter production from a run out paddock
- Improved winter and early spring feed
- A pasture to use for high quality silage

The cultivars Maverick GII, Delish®, Feast® II, Winter Star II and Cordura are ideally suited to a renovation or undersowing opportunity due to their quick establishment and high winter yields.

**Suggested Renovation Rates**

Superstrike Maverick GII	10-15 kg/ha
Superstrike Delish	12-18 kg/ha
Superstrike Feast II	12-18 kg/ha
Superstrike Cordura	10-15 kg/ha
Superstrike Winter Star II	12-18 kg/ha

**Establishment**

When sowing into an established pasture it is important to use Superstrike treated seed as the insect burden is high from existing plants.