



## Tom Moore - Tarras

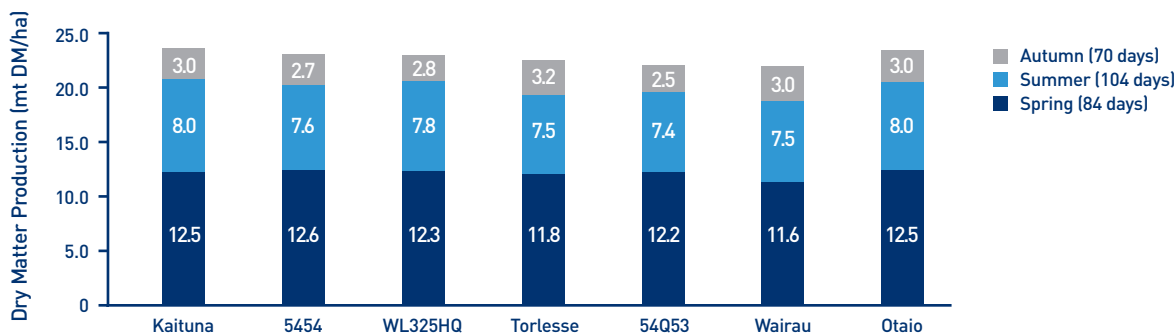
For five years Tom Moore has managed a 3756 hectare fine wool and hogget fattening farm at Tarras.

Kaituna lucerne is persistent enough to survive the dry weather the farm is prone to. "We get an average rainfall of 25 inches," says Tom. "The lucerne doesn't die."

The farm is about one third flat country, of which 650 hectares is in Kaituna lucerne, 200 hectares lucerne only, and 450 hectares lucerne/socksfoot.

Ryegrass/clover mixes lasted three to four years in the dry, whereas the first lucerne paddocks are still going strong after eight years with no noticeable drop in production. Tom once participated in the Lincoln Pasture Plan, sending samples from the old and new pastures for comparison. "The lucerne was producing 2.5 times as much dry matter as the old grass." Tom winters 9000 Merino ewes and 5000 hoggets. While the farm could only carry 6 lambs per hectare on the old pasture, it now carries 10-12 per hectare.

### Three year average seasonal dry matter production of lucerne both grazed with sheep and cut for hay



- Fine stemmed for better quality and palatability
- Semi-dormant in winter
- Versatile – persistent under grazing, hay/silage and mixed regimes
- High annual dry matter production
- Excellent pest and disease resistance

Grasslands Kaituna is a New Zealand developed lucerne, selected for improved resistance to the range of pests and diseases in our environment. Kaituna is ideal for grazing and mixed regimes and is persistent under grazing and hay/silage production. Kaituna is highly productive in spring and summer, with later autumn and earlier spring growth than Wairau.

### Stock Suitability



### Dry Matter Production

Sown on 19 October 2000, the above trial conducted at Kimihia Research Centre in Canterbury measured the yield of various lucerne cultivars in spring, summer and autumn, over a period of three years (see above graph).

For more information refer to the Lucerne Forage Focus. Available at [www.pggwrightsonseeds.com](http://www.pggwrightsonseeds.com) or by calling 0800 805 505.