



ROPER

PERENNIAL RYEGRASS



Roper – More digestible, more quality, more profit!

- ✓ Bred and grown in Australia
- ✓ Bred with a large focus on increasing palatability, disease resistance, heat tolerance and root growth
- ✓ Shown to produce excellent late winter growth, particularly just prior to cutting hay
- ✓ Suited primarily to sheep or beef production
- ✓ Exhibits excellent palatability due to reduced lignin levels and low endophyte status (no grass staggers or production loss due to sub-clinical effects of endophyte)
- ✓ As with most ryegrasses, ensure that when grazing Roper there is approximately 2-4 cm (1-2") left to enable the plant to recover properly
- ✓ Roper has exceptional root development in the first 65 days, having produced 133% more roots over other varieties tested. This results in resistance to "pulling out" which is common in some other ryegrasses

QUICK FACTS:

- Kangaroo Valley type
- Diploid perennial ryegrass regenerates well from self-sown seed
- Outstanding winter production
- High digestibility due to low lignin
- 133% more root growth in the first 65 days
- High stem rust resistance
- Extremely heat tolerant
- Early heading date
- Rainfall 700mm+
- Sowing rate 15-25kg/ha

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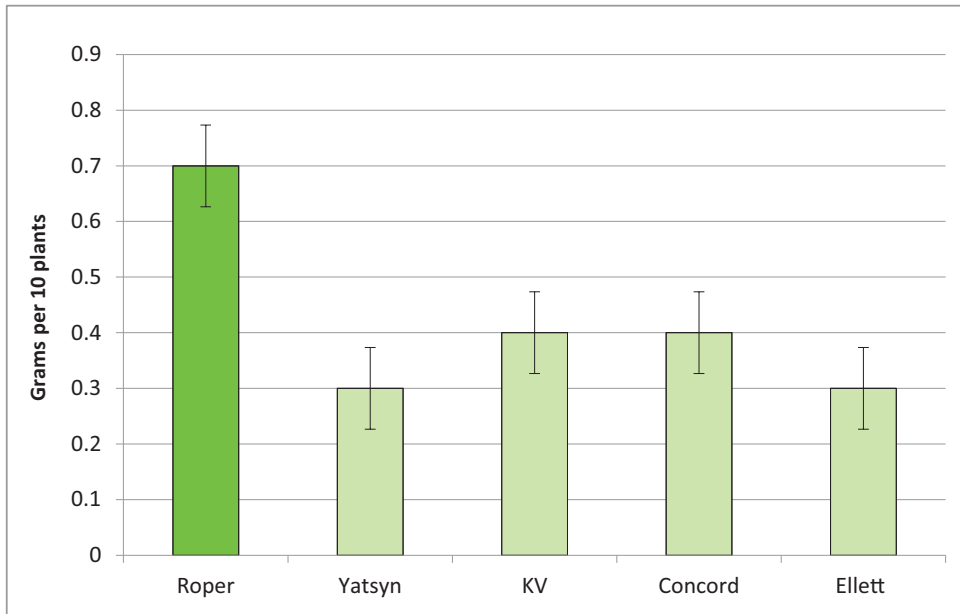




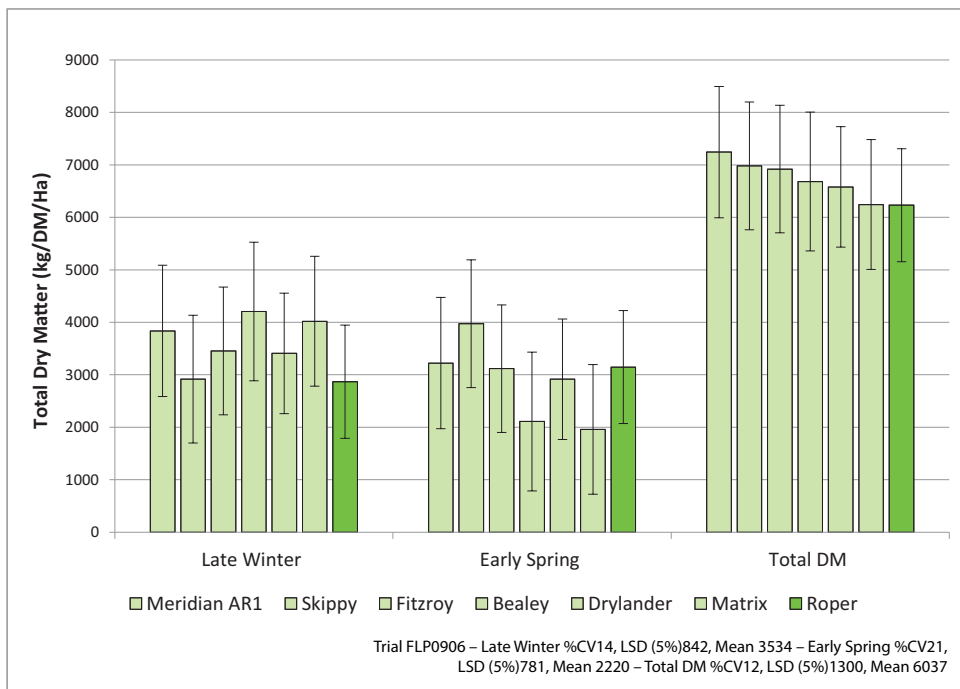
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Roper (left) Root Structure and Growth Compared to a common Perennial Ryegrass



Graph 1. Seedling Root Growth in the first 65 days, Glenn Innes Agricultural Research Station.



Graph 2. Forage Perennial Ryegrass Dry Matter Yields, Glen Innes NSW, 2009.



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