

# Forage Value Index

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The Forage Value Index is a tool updated annually that helps Australian dairy producers and their advisors to make more informed decisions when selecting perennial ryegrass cultivars. It aims to provide an accurate, reliable and independent assessment of the potential economic value of perennial ryegrass cultivars in different dairy regions of south-east Australia.

Currently, the Forage Value Index information is presented as a series of '2022 Forage Value Index Pasture Tables' (FVI Tables). The FVI Tables have been compiled by Dairy Australia and others using data from third parties in the following manner:

- The Forage Value Index ratings are based on the potential economic value of seasonal production yields for perennial ryegrass cultivars.
- Only cultivars listed in the ASF Pasture Seed Database [asf.asn.au/seeds/pasture-seed-database](https://asf.asn.au/seeds/pasture-seed-database) and confirmed as a 'variety' are used in the Forage Value Index.
- A range of data sources are used to calculate the Forage Value Index ratings. These include trial data from the Pasture Trial network (PTN) and limited seed company data that meet PTN eligibility criteria. There are not trials from every part of southeast Australia.
- To be included in the Forage Value Index, each cultivar must have seasonal yield data from at least three, 3-year trials using PTN protocols.
- All trial data are analysed by an accredited statistician and reviewed by a Technical Advisory Committee to determine its place within the FVI banding scale.
- The Forage Value Index ratings are updated annually.

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