

Clarence Bridge pasture trial, sown 26th March 2014.

Hard grazed by sheep Feb/March 2015

Observation visit 08/04/2015

- 1) First observation – extremely dry, drought conditions.
- 2) Second observation expected conversion from clover to grass as the dominant species for winter grazing and nitrogen utilization very evident.
- 3) Third observation- browntop recovering in the ryegrass plots, but all other species still clean of browntop.
- 4) All grass species established well

Under drought conditions the following grasses stand out

Exceltas coloured brome, Easton tall fescue, Prosper tall fescue, Kahu timothy

Kahu Timothy is the surprise given its recommendation for high rainfall, wet soil situations it may have wider application in pastures than expected.

- 5) Clover production was almost nil, due to heavy grazing and drought conditions, plants of the following we could find:

Annuals: Woogenellup sub clover and to a lesser extent Rosabrook sub clover

Perennials: Rubitas red clover, Runner II Lucerne and Strawberry clover

Since our visit rain has fallen in the area, seed on the ground should have germinated, setting up next seasons money making months, OCT, Nov, Dec.

Should we receive enough interest on a 2 hrs visit to the site, say May 18th we will organise.

Please confirm your intentions by email.

The trial contains 150 combinations of grass/ clover for your assessment.



Picture: Cocksfoot trying hard to move on and grow.