

Renewal checklist

Renew pasture

Sow

Pasture renewal is not simple. Use this list to make sure you cover every step needed for a successful result.

The key is to do all these things well. In a good season you may get away with shortcuts in technique, but in poor climatic conditions shortcuts will be a liability.

✓	Checklist
	Quantify your goals: What do you want to achieve?
	Identify poor paddocks and decide on right rate of renewal for farm (5%? 10%? 20%?).
	Identify, and wherever possible rectify, causes of poor performance.
	Soil test (6-12 months in advance) and correct soil fertility.
	Make a timeline through to sowing.
	If relying on a contractor, book them in early.
	Check for pests and perennial weeds, control these early (e.g. grass grub, slugs and ASW).
	Choose appropriate renewal method.
	Spray out paddock before cultivating or direct drilling. If pest levels are high, consider adding insecticide to the spray mix.
	If cultivating, prepare a good seed bed (fine, firm and level).
	Choose high quality cultivars and seed mixes that suit your farm system.
	Control pests - use treated seed and insecticide if required.
	Choose corrrect sowing rate and technique.
	Apply slug bait if needed.
	Sow seed carefully, at right depth (clover seed ≤10mm).
	Control weeds in early establishment.
	Graze early to promote tillering, use ‘pluck test’ to deteremine when pasture is ready for first grazing.