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Timaru hosts ryegrass pasture demo day

Eighteen different ryegrass cultivars will be on show at a pasture demonstration day in Timaru on Wednesday 6 September.

CRT's 4.5 ha pasture demo site on the Timaru/Pleasant Point highway will be open to shareholders interested in learning more about ryegrass. There will also be plots of fescue and brome, with all the grass plots cross sown with red or white clover.

CRT TFO Mark McDonald says that the demonstrations, normally held about four times a year, look at the different cultivars' varying growth rates, what nutrients they respond to, and any stock preferences.

The demonstration site is supported by Ballance Agri-Nutrients and the major New Zealand seed breeders. Ballance Agri-Nutrients Technical Sales Representative Paul Johnston says the company supplies fertiliser and nutrient advice for the demonstration plots and that the plots are an excellent way for farmers to gain a better understanding of ryegrasses and how to farm these crops for maximum productivity.

"The demo days provide an opportunity for farmers to see the results for themselves. They also provide a good chance to compare notes and get some extra advice – we will be there on the day to provide any fertiliser advice farmers need."

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