



Diversity in dryland dairy swards

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Methodology

- 2 base grasses x 6 species mixtures

P. Ryegrass v Tall fescue x

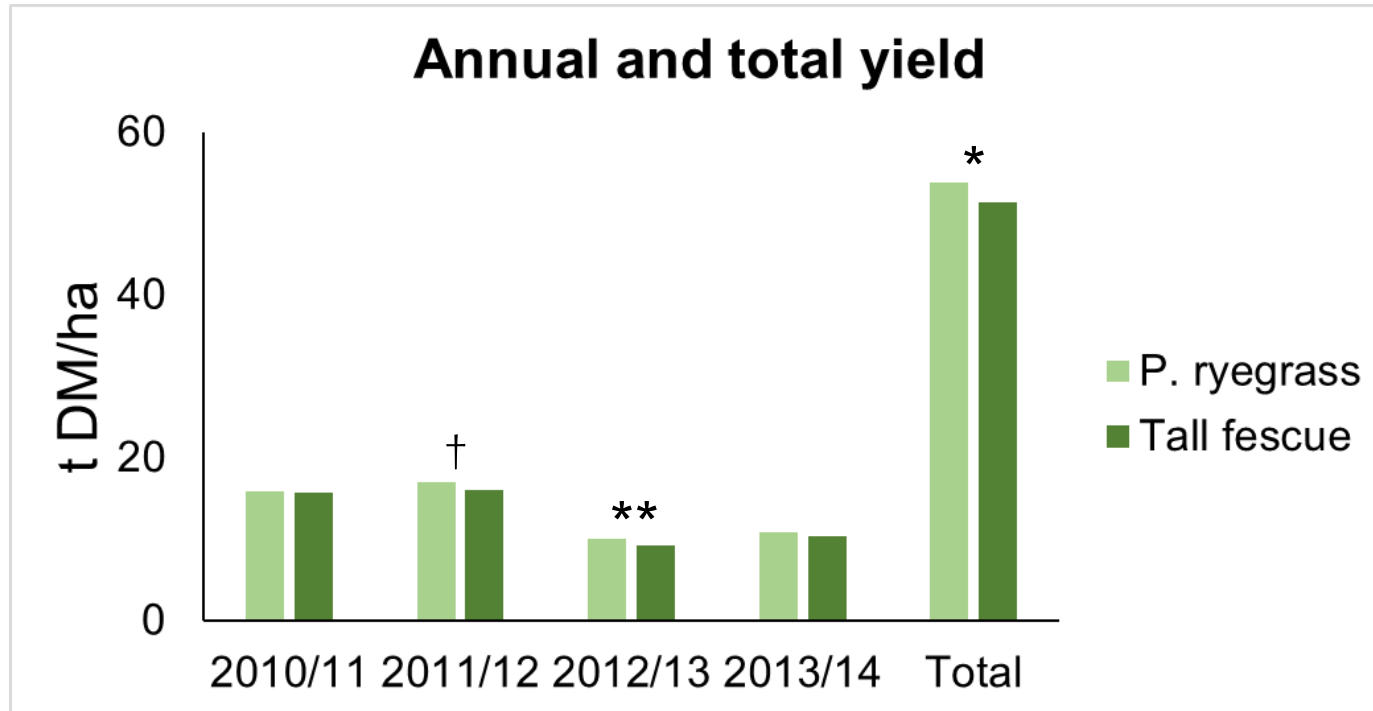
Control
+ Red clover
+ Lucerne
+ Herbs
+ Grasses
+ All (Mix)

- DM yield, sward composition and survival



Base grass

- Base grass affected yield

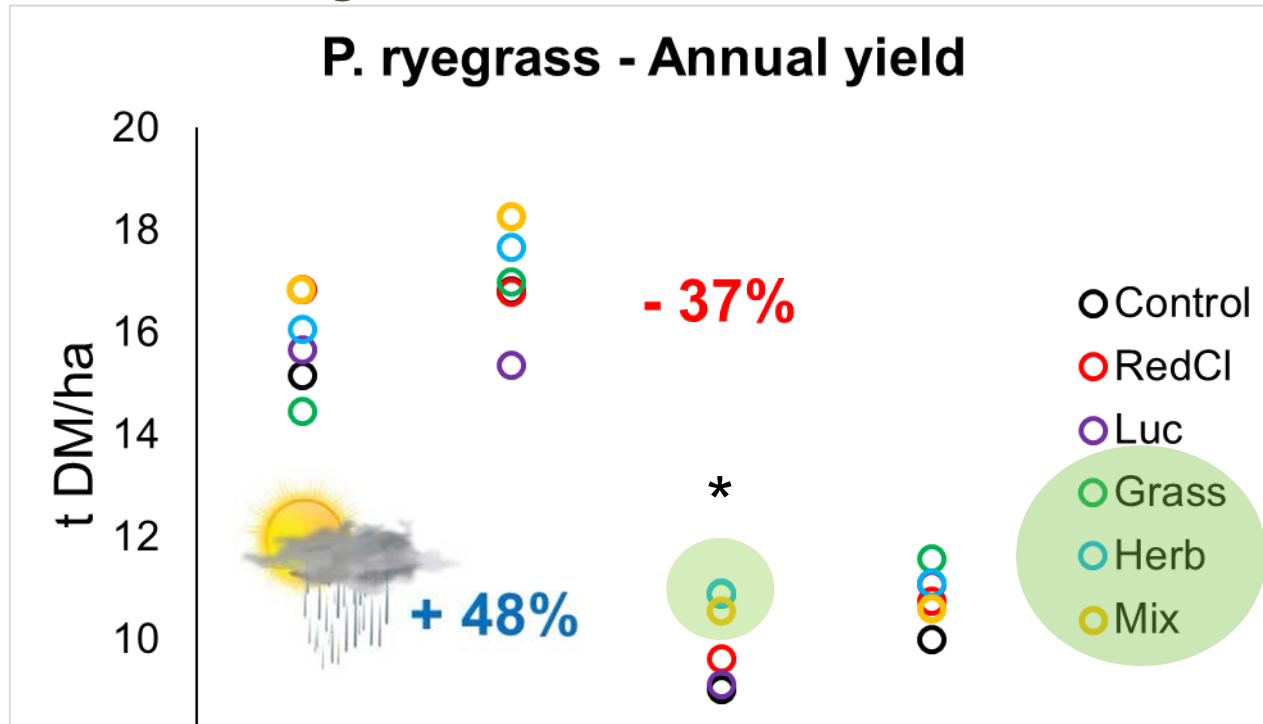


†, *, ** denote level of significant difference

Ryegrass produced more DM than tall fescue

Diversity

- Diversity did not improve DM in **tall fescue** swards
- Different base grass → different effect



Dry year: adding other grasses &/or herbs increased DM