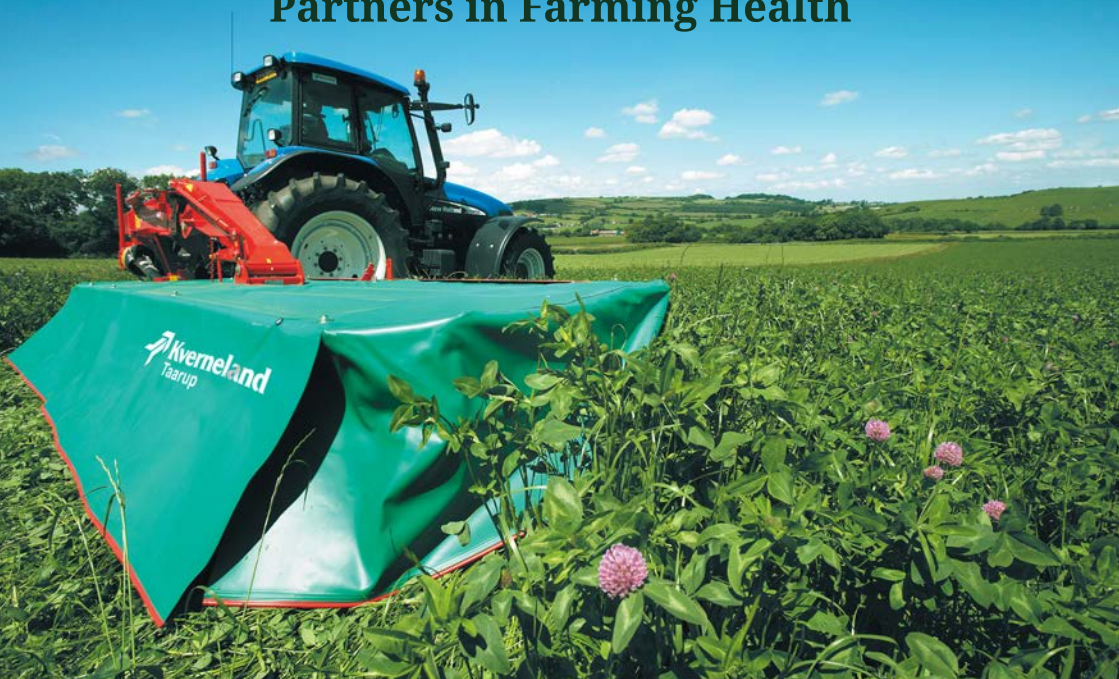


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Quality Grass Seed Mixtures 2026

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Welcome to the Downland 2026 Quality Grass Seed brochure

At Downland, we have been continually adapting, working closely with breeders to provide practical, flexible grass seed solutions that meet the demands of the ever-changing conditions. Our 2026 grass seed offering reflects that approach, offering mixtures and varieties selected for drought tolerance, seasonal performance, and resilience across a range of systems—whether for grazing, cutting, or multi-purpose use.

In recent times, the varying climate changes that are being experienced across the UK have posed a challenge to forage systems and underlined just how vulnerable they can be. Alongside this, changes to government support have added further uncertainty for many farming businesses!

As always, our focus remains on supporting farmers with invaluable advice and solutions, proven genetics, and dependable supply. In a challenging and evolving landscape, we are committed to helping you make informed choices that safeguard forage availability and farm productivity, both now and into the future.

If you have any questions or require further information don't hesitate to contact us on 01228 564498 or email enquiries@downland.co.uk



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High Quality Standards

HIGH GERMINATION SEED HAS ADVANTAGES ON ALL FARMS

14% more live seed means up to 2.8kg more live seed per 20 kg bag or 1.96kg extra seed per acre. This extra seed sows an additional 355 seeds/m² for a mixture like **DOWNLAND VERSATILE**.

More established grass plants, gives you more leaf and longer lasting weed free swards.

This higher germination seed in each bag is equivalent to a saving of **£10.78/acre** on 2026 grass seed prices (14kg/acre and Versatile at £5.50/kg), but the real value is better establishment leading to thicker sward, with many more plants per m².



FIBRE ME varieties are bred to have more readily digested cell wall fibre. This releases more energy to the animal and increases live weight gain or yields more milk as a result.

Every 1% increase in cell wall digestibility gives around 0.25 litre more milk per cow per day.

With a range of 3 to 6% higher digestibility in the **FIBRE ME** varieties you should expect between 0.75 and 1.5 litres more milk per cow per day when she is eating 100% **FIBRE ME** varieties.



**LOOK OUT FOR
THE VARIETIES
WITH GREATER
DIGESTIBILITY**

Deeper Roots

Plants with greater and deeper roots are better placed to withstand drought and water logging. Downland **quality grass seed mixtures** now have two ways of using deeper rooting grasses.



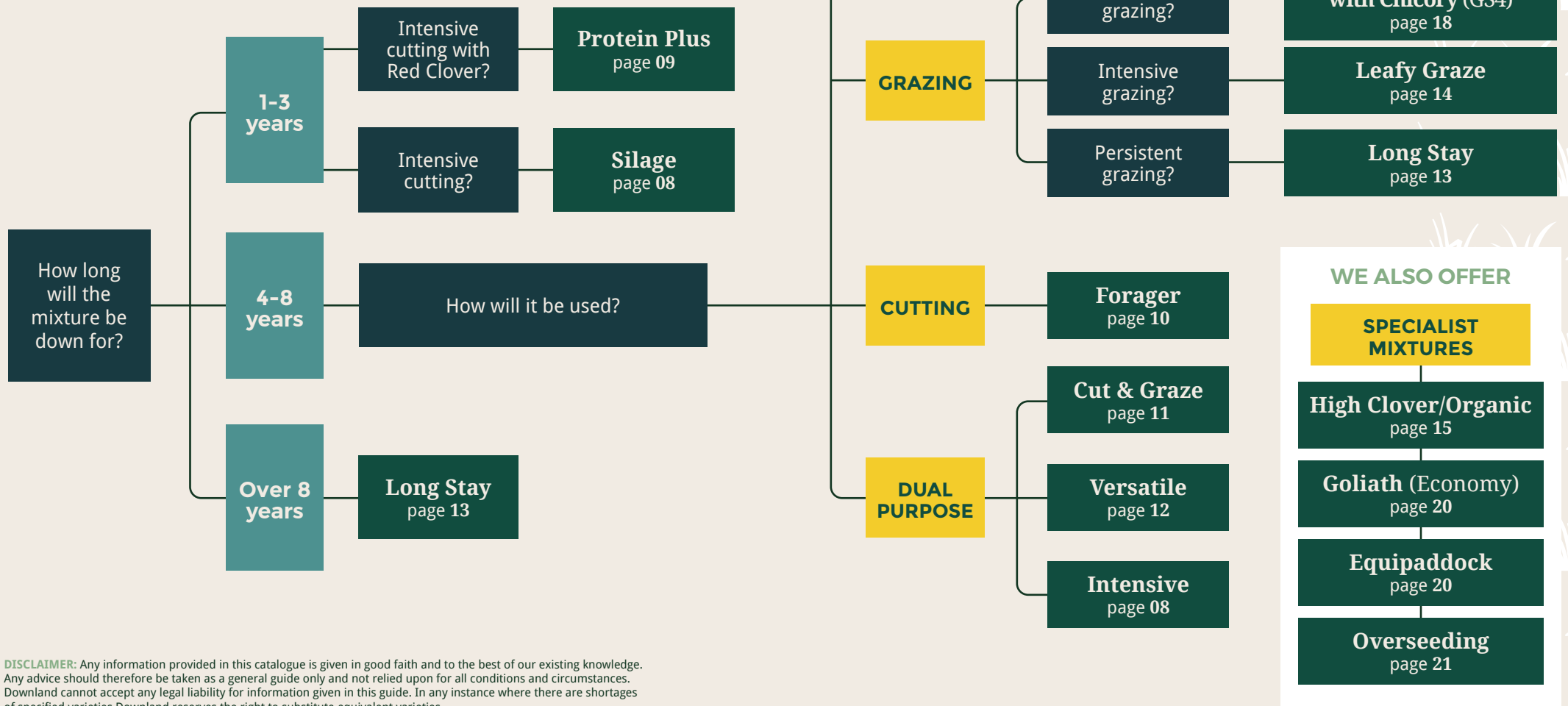
Ryegrass Plus grasses are festuloliums which have been bred using both ryegrasses and also small amounts of fescues, leading to hybrid vigour and greater rooting ability.

Selecting varieties on their root depth and mass is also now possible. These varieties can then extract more nutrients (including water) from deeper in the soil.

Mixture Selector

Designed to help answer many of the common questions in mixture selection.

However if in doubt, please contact your local Downland advisor for further advice.



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SHORT TERM MIXTURE



SHORT / MEDIUM TERM MIXTURE



SHORT / MEDIUM TERM MIXTURE



Silage

- Maximum yield and quality under an intensive cutting regime
- Very good spring growth for high quality silage yields at early first cut dates
- The combination of Tetraploid Ryegrasses and Festulolium give a fast production of a good quality silage, with high sugar content

SENDERO
Italian Ryegrass

FOX
Italian Ryegrass

MELSPRINTER
Tetraploid Italian Ryegrass

PERSEUS
Festulolium



LOFA
Festulolium

TETRAGRAZE
Tetraploid Hybrid Ryegrass

ASTONCRUSADER
Tetraploid Hybrid Ryegrass

SOW FROM 14-15kg/acre 35-37kg/ha

Intensive

- Specifically designed to be very high yielding
- Includes varieties with extra energy from digestible fibre
- Designed to be very drought tolerant

LOFA
Festulolium

ASTONCRUSADER
Tetraploid Hybrid Ryegrass

SEAGOE
Tetraploid
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass

GRACEHILL
Tetraploid
Late Perennial Ryegrass



HOPI
Tetraploid
Late Perennial Ryegrass

THEGN
Tetraploid
Late Perennial Ryegrass



SOW FROM 14-15kg/acre 35-37kg/ha

Protein Plus

- Formulated with 25% Red Clover to avoid needing Nitrogen fertiliser (after establishment)
- Will make huge quantities of excellent high protein silage
- Great aftermath grazing, particularly for lambs
- Considerably improves the physical, chemical and biological health of the soil

LOFA
Festulolium

PERSEUS
Festulolium



TETRAGRAZE
Tetraploid Hybrid Ryegrass

ASTONCRUSADER
Tetraploid Hybrid Ryegrass

RED CLOVER BLEND
Red Clover

SOW FROM 13-15kg/acre 32-37kg/ha



Forager

- Top quality silage from high sugar varieties
- Designed for maximum silage yields over 3-4 cuts
- A White Clover option is also available
- More meat and milk from **FIBRE ME** varieties NIFTY, AGASKA, BOYNE and CONVEY

Also
available
with clover



NIFTY
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass



AGASKA
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass



BOYNE
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass



CONVEY
Tetraploid
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass



NOLWEN
Tetraploid
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass

WETHERBY
Late Perennial Ryegrass

GRACEHILL
Tetraploid
Late Perennial Ryegrass



Cut & Graze

- Our biggest selling mixture across the UK
- High yielding under both grazing and cutting
- Quality is further improved with high inclusions of **FIBRE ME** varieties
- Includes CONVEY, one of the highest yielding varieties on the RGCL

AGASKA
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass



NIFTY
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass



CONVEY
Tetraploid
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass



SEAGOE
Tetraploid
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass

TIMUCO
Late Perennial Ryegrass

GRACEHILL
Tetraploid
Late Perennial Ryegrass



THEGN
Tetraploid
Late Perennial Ryegrass



DUAL PURPOSE CLOVER BLEND
White Clover

SOW FROM 14-15kg/acre 35-37kg/ha

SOW FROM 15kg/acre 37kg/ha

LONG TERM MIXTURE



LONG TERM MIXTURE



Versatile

- Later heading mixture to maintain season long quality
- High yielding, dense and winter hardy
- Timothy inclusion for early bite, palatability and durability
- Packed full of highly digestible **FIBRE ME** varieties

NIFTY
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass



AGASKA
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass



BOWIE
Late Perennial Ryegrass



TIMUCO
Late Perennial Ryegrass

GRACEHILL
Tetraploid
Late Perennial Ryegrass



THEGN
Tetraploid
Late Perennial Ryegrass



COMER
Timothy

DUAL PURPOSE CLOVER BLEND
White Clover

Long Stay

- Designed for persistency and winter hardiness
- Tremendous season long production
- Higher clover, Timothy and diploid ryegrasses to thicken the bottom of the sward
- Can carry large numbers of wintering sheep and still have a good early bite

NIFTY
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass



AGASKA
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass



NOLWEN
Tetraploid
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass

SWAN
Late Perennial Ryegrass



TIMUCO
Late Perennial Ryegrass

GRACEHILL
Tetraploid
Late Perennial Ryegrass



COMER
Timothy

GRAZING CLOVER BLEND
White Clover

SOW FROM 15kg/acre 37kg/ha

SOW FROM 14-16kg/acre 35-40kg/ha

LONG TERM MIXTURE



Leafy Graze

- The long term grazing mixture
- Very leafy, dense sward for big grazing yields and outstanding speed of regrowth
- Later heading and easily grazed to low residuals
- High inclusion of **FIBRE ME** varieties giving more milk from every bite

AGASKA
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass



WETHERBY
Late Perennial Ryegrass



TIMUCO
Late Perennial Ryegrass

GRACEHILL
Tetraploid
Late Perennial Ryegrass



THEGN
Tetraploid
Late Perennial Ryegrass



GRAZING CLOVER BLEND
White Clover

SOW FROM 14-16kg/acre 35-40kg/ha

HIGH CLOVER MIXTURES



High Clover Dual Purpose

- High yields of quality silage and excellent aftermath grazing
- Small inclusion of Red Clover to boost production in years 1 & 2
- May be grazed before closing up for conservation

AGASKA
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass



NOLWEN
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass

TIMUCO
Late Perennial Ryegrass

WETHERBY
Late Perennial Ryegrass

THEGN
Tetraploid
Late Perennial Ryegrass



GRACEHILL
Tetraploid
Late Perennial Ryegrass



COMER
Timothy

RED CLOVER BLEND
Red Clover

DUAL PURPOSE CLOVER BLEND
White Clover

SOW FROM 14-16kg/acre 35-40kg/ha

Organic versions also available

High Clover Long Term Graze

- Outstanding sward density and winter hardiness
- Very palatable, leafy sward to maximise grazing intakes
- High White Clover inclusion to feed the companion grasses

NIFTY
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass



AGASKA
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass



TIMUCO
Late Perennial Ryegrass

WETHERBY
Late Perennial Ryegrass



BOWIE
Late Perennial Ryegrass



GRACEHILL
Tetraploid Late Perennial Ryegrass



THEGN
Tetraploid Late Perennial Ryegrass



GRAZING CLOVER BLEND
White Clover

SOW FROM 14-16kg/acre 35-40kg/ha



HERBAL LEYS – SAM3, CSAM3 & WBD4

Multi Species GHL Mixture

- 5 different grass species making up 85% of the mixture for yield and quality
- 11% inclusion of legumes from 3 different clovers for N fixing, protein & soil improvement
- 4 different herbs for improved rooting depths, stress tolerance, palatability and plant diversity
- Qualifies for SFI SAM3, CSAM3 & WBD4

50%	Tetraploid Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass
25%	Late Perennial Ryegrass
5%	Timothy
5%	White Clover
3.5%	Plantain
3%	Red Clover
3%	Alsike Clover
2%	Creeping Red Fescue
2%	Meadow Fescue
1%	Tall Fescue
0.2%	Sheep's Burnet
0.2%	Sheep's Parsley
0.1%	Yarrow

SOW FROM 13-15kg/acre 32-37kg/ha

Please contact the department of agriculture in your area for more information.



HERBAL LEYS – CSAM3

Standard Herbal Ley Mixture

- Designed to comply with CSAM3 but have huge yields of grazing or silage
- Very similar to most standard dual purpose grass mixtures such as Cut & Graze
- High inclusion of N-fixing clovers to alleviate the lower recommended Nitrogen applications
- NO chicory as it can compromise the quality when cut for hay or silage

46%	Tetraploid Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass
22%	Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass
22%	Late Perennial Ryegrass
5%	White Clover
2%	Red Clover
2%	Plantain
1%	Sheep's Burnet

SOW FROM 12-14kg/acre 30-35kg/ha

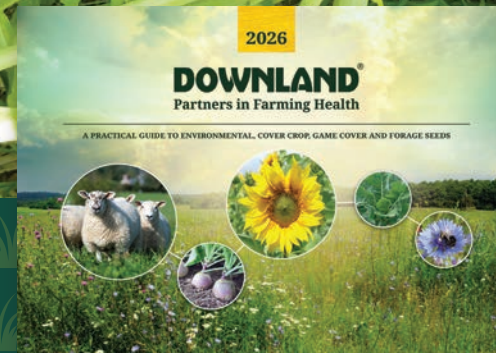
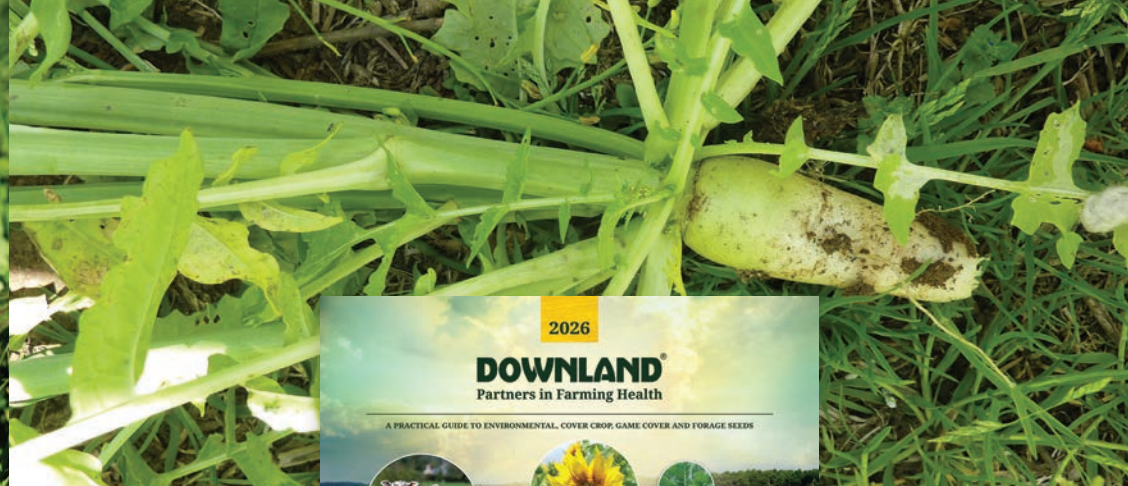


Herbal Meadow with Chicory (GS4)

- Designed to meet the requirement of Countryside Stewardship Scheme GS4
- Very drought tolerant from cocksfoot, festulolium, sainfoin and chicory
- Great range of different rooting depths and root types for nutrient capture
- High levels of minerals and trace elements, with some anthelmintic effect
- Qualifies for SFI SAM3, CSAM3 & WBD4

60%	Perennial Ryegrass
5%	Cocksfoot
5%	Sainfoin
5%	Timothy
5%	Lucerne (inoculated)
5%	White Clover
4%	Alsike Clover
3%	Festulolium
2%	Meadow Fescue
2%	Chicory
1.5%	Plantain
1%	Birdsfoot Trefoil
1%	Sheep's Parsley
0.5%	Sheep's Burnet

SOW FROM 13-15kg/acre 32-37kg/ha



Downland – Your Countryside

YOUR COMPLETE GUIDE TO ENVIRONMENTAL MIXTURES, FORAGE CROPS, GREEN COVERS AND GAME COVER MIXTURES

ENVIRONMENTAL MIXTURES

- Nectar Rich, Pollen & Nectar and Flower Rich mixtures
- Legume Fallow, Legume and Herb mixtures
- Wild Bird Seed mixtures
- Guidance for England, Wales and Scotland on their individual schemes

FORAGE CROPS

- Full season crops – Kale and swedes
- Short term crops – Stubble turnips, hybrid brassicas and forage rape
- Root Mixtures and Arable silage mixtures
- Fodder Beet

GAME COVER MIXTURES

- Game cover species – available as straight seeds
- Game cover mixtures for all situations, sites and durations

GREEN COVER MIXTURES

- Straight species for soil improvements
- Mixtures for all situations and sowing times

SPECIALIST MIXTURES



Goliath

- Dual purpose economy mixture
- Good early growth and aftermath
- Plenty of bulky silage or grazing

BOYNE
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass



NOLWEN
Tetraploid
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass

CAVENDISH
Late Perennial Ryegrass

HOPI
Tetraploid
Late Perennial Ryegrass

WINNETOU
Timothy

DUAL PURPOSE CLOVER BLEND
White Clover

SOW FROM 12-14kg/acre 30-35kg/ha

Equipaddock

- Low sugar grasses and diploid ryegrasses used to help lower the laminitis risk
- The high timothy inclusion will make an excellent quality horse hay
- Sward density from creeping red fescue, timothy and diploid ryegrass

NIFTY
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass



AGASKA
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass



SWAN
Late Perennial Ryegrass



COMER
Timothy

MAXIMA
Creeping Red Fescue

SOW FROM 15kg/acre 37kg/ha



OVERSEEDING MIXTURES



Overseeding with Clover

- Use when swards are thin or tired and require new vigour
- A highly palatable, leafy and dense sward for cutting or grazing

TETRAGRAZE
Tetraploid Hybrid Ryegrass

SEAGOE
Tetraploid
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass

GRACEHILL
Tetraploid
Late Perennial Ryegrass



CUTTING CLOVER BLEND
White Clover

SOW FROM 10-12kg/acre 25-30kg/ha

Overseeding without Clover

- For use where weeds will require to be sprayed out
- In cutting situations where clover may not be required

TETRAGRAZE
Tetraploid Hybrid Ryegrass

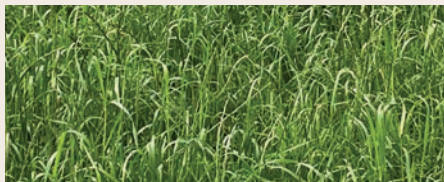
SEAGOE
Tetraploid
Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass

GRACEHILL
Tetraploid
Late Perennial Ryegrass



SOW FROM 10-12kg/acre 25-30kg/ha

ROOT MIXTURES



CC

- Autumn grazing and spring grazing after the rape has been eaten
- Fast growing and highly productive catch crop mix

80% Italian Ryegrass

15% Forage Rape

5% White Turnips

SOW FROM 9kg/acre 22kg/ha

MIXTURES WITH GRASS



CD

- Specifically designed to produce autumn grazing for sheep and fattening lambs
- This combination of species gives autumn, winter and spring grazing

80% Italian Ryegrass

20% Forage Rape

SOW FROM 9kg/acre 22kg/ha

MIXTURES WITHOUT GRASS



Rapid Root

- Sown in late summer for use in the autumn and early winter
- Suitable for both sheep and cattle

65% Forage Rape

30% Stubble Turnips

5% Kale

SOW FROM 2-3kg/acre 5-8kg/ha



Winter Graze

- High inclusion of stubble turnips for grazing into January
- Equally well grazed by cattle and sheep

60% Stubble Turnips

35% Forage Rape

5% Kale

SOW FROM 2-3kg/acre 5-8kg/ha

ROOT MIXTURES



FORAGE RAPE

- Very fast and easy to grow. Can usually get established faster than the flea beetle attacks
- Mostly sown after a cereal, arable silage or 2nd cut silage

EMERALD



STUBBLE TURNIPS

- More winter hardy than rape and with a higher dry matter yield
- Stock need to be trained to eat the bulbs as well as the leaves

VOLLENDAL

BARKANT

SAMSON

MARCO



KALE

- The highest yielding of the leafy brassicas, with good winter hardiness
- Can struggle to get going against flea beetle attack

SOVGOLD **NEW**

GRUNER ANGELITER



HYBRID BRASSICAS

- The modern rapes bred in NZ, with higher yields and much better stem digestibility
- Very palatable and the preferred grazing option by stock

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