

# HUTCHINSONS

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A desire to provide our customers with successful crops through seed quality, variety selection and sound practical advice has led to Hutchinsons securing the confidence and support of farmers throughout the UK.

The continued testing and assessing of our range at Hailes Farm and elsewhere enables us to see benefits and challenges. This breeds confidence in probable farm performance and hence, success on the farms of our patrons. If your business succeeds, then ours can too.

The extreme weather conditions of recent times makes producing forage a real challenge, but one that we are happy to help with and we are confident that the Oliver range that we promote can more than meet the needs of our growers. Home grown forage is the keystone to farm profitability and sustainability so now is the time to talk to us to ensure that the fields at home are capable of supplying the farm's needs in the future. Low yielding and damaged pasture will need attention and careful ley selection is important to get the right result from your grassland.

Service & Support

We would be pleased to help and advise on all aspects of your seed requirements.

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Occasionally, shortages of some varieties may occur throughout the season. We therefore reserve the right to replace varieties not available with a suitable alternative.

Any alteration to the mixture will be clearly shown on the bag label.

Our standard terms and conditions apply, these are outlined on the reverse of our invoices.

# Ley Formulation and Seed Quality

### Stage One o

Our ley formulation process is to utilise the largest grass and clover testing facility in the UK at Hailes Farm, Didbrook near Winchcombe. These trials give us the opportunity to test species and different mixture formulas so that farm recommendations can be based on results not guesses.

### Stage Two •

To use the recommended lists of seed varieties, in conjunction with trials at colleges and farms to gain more information especially about grazing preference and adverse sites under different management systems.

### Stage three •

We believe that the highest germination levels from the cleanest seed lots are the starting point for successful leys. Stage 3 of our mixture formulation process is to secure these stocks for processing and packing.

The benefits to you are:

Proven,
High Quality Leys
That Offer Better
Farm Performance



### **Fiber Energy**

Varieties denoted as "Fiber Energy" are those that contain higher levels of cell wall digestibility, hence they can extract more energy from grass and reduce production costs.





Discover the science behind DLF Fiber Energy



### **Grass PLUS**

Ryegrass PLUS™ and Tall Fescue PLUS™ varieties belong to the new festulolium species. These are hybrids of fescue and ryegrass that can offer greater yield, persistence, stress tolerance and disease resistance.







Grass PLUS - Roots & Droughts Explained



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# **Attributes of Herbs**

There is much interest in the use of forage herbs as broad leaved plants so the summary below may help guide you in your selection.

### Chicory

A fast establishing, deep rooted and drought resistant species that offers anthelmintic properties to help reduce the worm burden in animals. Chicory is high in protein, minerals and trace elements and should be grazed regularly to stimulate leaf production and avoid stem formation. Best to omit from leys aimed at hay or silage production due to coarse, woody and unpalatable stem formation. Prefers a free draining, fertile soil and perennial varieties like "Choice" exhibit greater persistency.

### Ribwort Plantain (also known as Ribgrass)

Capable of rapid establishment and drought tolerant, Plantain is also very palatable and high in minerals with new varieties like "Tonic" showing increased leaf yield and persistence. Plantain is more forgiving of different soil types and accepts a wider pH range than Chicory but heavy, wet soils should be avoided.

### Sheep's Burnet (also known as Salad Burnet)

Another Herb that is quick to establish and palatable offering early spring growth and an extended grazing season. Penetrating tap roots that are rich in trace elements enable the species to show good drought tolerance and the leaves are quite frost hardy.

### Sheep's Parsley

A palatable herb that is slower to establish than the above three species but still an integral ingredient where a spread of herbs are desired.

Again, tap roots offer drought tolerance and the ability to uptake and impart beneficial minerals and trace elements is a great advantage.

### **Yarrow**

A vast number of seeds per kilo means that a small amount of Yarrow goes a long way. Slower to establish than any of the above but very persistent due to it's rhizomatous nature. Yarrow grows in any soil, but survives well on dry sites and has aromatic, fern like leaves. It has long been a medicinal constituent of herbal remedies.



Forage grass species contain adequate levels of energy and protein, but they can be unreliable sources of trace elements, especially on mineral deficient soils. Sowing herbs can increase the availability of key nutrients and improve stock performance.

Plant strips on headlands in grazing fields at sowing time, grazing stock will always find the Herbs

Mineral Content of Species	Р	К	Ca	Mg	Na	Cu	Co	Se
Chicory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plantain			0	0	0	0		0
Sheep's Burnet			0	0				
Sheeps Parsley	0	0	0	0	0			
Yarrow	0	0	0	0		0		0
Sainfoin	0	0	0	0	0			

Packed separately from grass in 1kg units Seed Rate 0.5 to 1kg/acre O = Mineral content is more than Perennial Ryegrass

# Organic Seed Solutions



Oliver Seeds are very proactive on the organic grass front and are pleased to be able to offer

# Organic alternatives to OUR TOTAL RANGE of conventional grass seed mixtures.

The constituents of these mixtures will vary from the conventional range printed in this brochure.

We are also able to formulate specific mixtures to meet individual requirements as necessary.

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We are also usually able to offer ORGANIC seed of many of our other products or where this is not available, untreated seed (derogation required).

The minimum amount of ORGANIC grass seed in a mix has been set at

70% for 2023



Full details of all Oliver Seeds 70% ORGANIC Grass seed mixtures are available on request 01506 894822

# Ley Selector

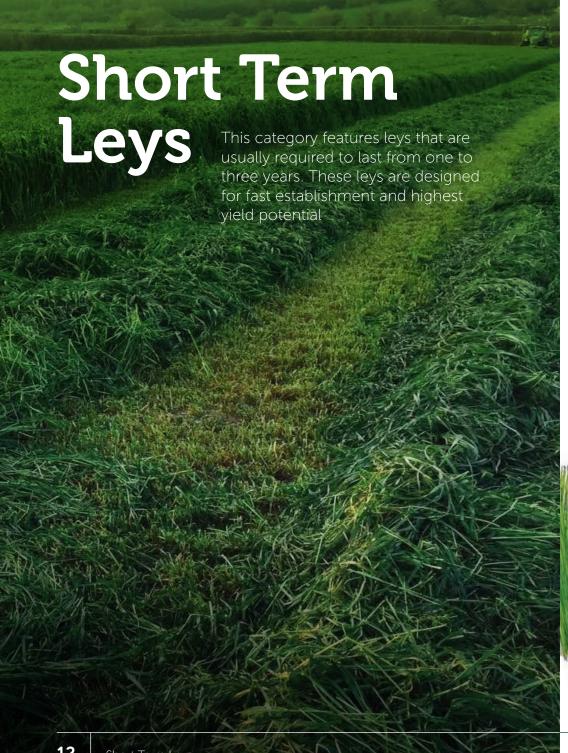
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Standard leys with or without white clover

High clover/legume based mixtures

To a degree, all leys can be dual purpose but the table above gives an indication of the main purpose behind the design of the ley

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# Tornado The Ultimate Catch Crop!

### **Catch crop Ryegrass for** cutting and grazing

O Top yield potential for both Autumn and Spring production

 Excellent potential for grazing and Autumn silage after Winter Barley

 Aimed at a duration period of 18 months

O For high protein options see **RAPTOR** and **CRIMSON TIDE** on page 65

Very vigorous establishment for sowing after maize

• 33% Diploid content for higher dry matter Spring silage

O Better lamb finishing potential than stubble turnips, with assured re-growth

Seed Rate: 30 - 37kg/ha (12.5 - 15kg/acre)

18 **Months Duration** 

**SERIOUSLY FAST** GRASS!







# Enormous silage production for 2 years

- Rapid establishment for early utilisation
- Very early in Spring with massive first cut
- Exceptional yields of silage boosted by the varieties HUNTER and CAZZANO
- High sugar content for optimum fermentation
- Good overall disease resistance

29%	ALAMO Italian Ryegrass
21%	HUNTER Italian Ryegrass (Tet)
29%	CAZZANO Italian Ryegrass (Tet)
21%	FOX Italian Ryegrass
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 32 - 37kg/ha (13 - 15kg/acre)

Rapier Hi-Pro

### TIP

With any ley remember to set your mower cutting height to leave 4 inch stubble where possible.

### DON'T SCALP IT!

This will help to prolong the life of the sward.





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# Sabre





### Top performing silage mix for up to 3 years duration

- O SENDERO for excellent spring growth
- **O TETRAGRAZE** and **ASTONCRUSADER** for yield, quality and persistence
- O PERSEUS festulolium for improved leaf retention and stress survival whilst still offering high yield and quality
- Excellent Spring growth for either grazing or exceptional first cut yield
- Formula improves drought tolerance and sward density so excellent for adverse sites
- O Good all round disease resistance

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20%	ALAMO Italian Ryegrass	
20%	SENDERO NEW Italian Ryegrass	
20%	ASTONCRUSADER Hybrid Ryegrass (Tet)	
20%	TETRAGRAZE Hybrid Ryegrass (Tet)	
20%	PERSEUS Festulolium	
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 32 - 37kg/ha (13 - 15kg/acre)	

# Sabre Hi-Pro

Very popular version of the Sabre mix that includes our Red Clover Blend for 3 years of outstanding yields

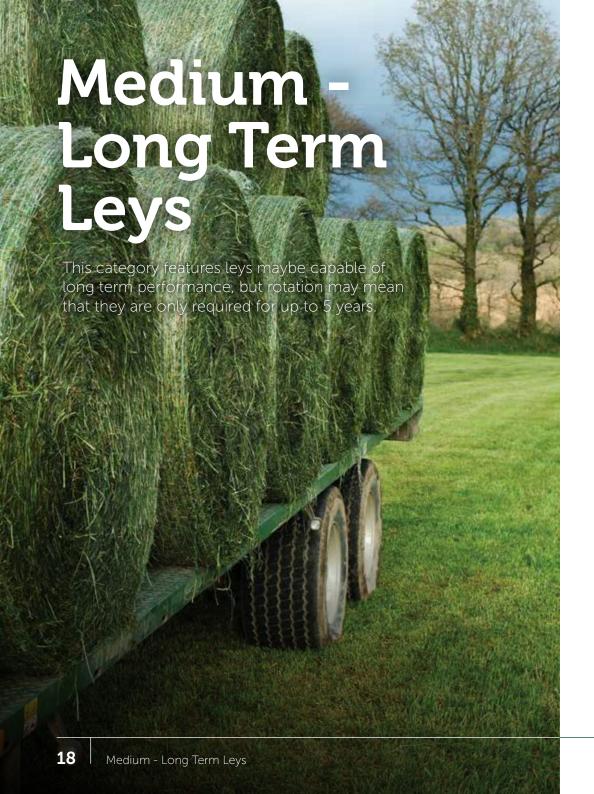
- O Enhances yield, protein and mineral levels
- Aids drought tolerance and soil aeration
- The Clover plants fix nitrogen to fertilise companion grasses and subsequent crops
- O Trials show a yield advantage of 1 tonne of DM/ha in the second harvest year compared to no Clover version











# **Broadsword**

Best selling mix for up to 4 years duration based on Hybrid and Perennial Ryegrass for outstanding performance

- Hybrids combine Italian yield and sugar content with Perennial persistence and quality
- Very high 'D' value and palatability
- Very vigorous establishment for later sowing
- O Impressive disease resistance
- Excellent hardiness and drought tolerance
- Excellent silage yields combined with good sward density for grazing

17%	TETRAGRAZE Hybrid Ryegrass (Tet)
16%	ASTONCRUSADER Hybrid Ryegrass (Tet)
17%	PERSEUS Festulolium
28%	BOYNE Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass
22%	NOLWEN Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
.00%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 32 - 37kg/ha (13 - 15kg/acre)







+7% White Clover Cutting Blend









# **Broadsword Hi-Pro**

### **Red and White Clover** option to add flexibility

- Erect, disease resistant and vigorous grasses to compete with Clover
- Very adaptable and denser than Sabre to enhance grazing performance
- O High sugar levels to aid silage fermentation and palatability
- Enhanced protein levels and drought resistance for adverse sites
- O Trials show a yield advantage of up to 2 tonnes of DM/ha in the second harvest year compared to no Clover version

13%	TETRAGRAZE Hybrid Ryegrass (Tet)
13%	ASTONCRUSADER Hybrid Ryegrass (Tet)
13%	PERSEUS Festulolium
20%	BOYNE Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass
16%	NOLWEN Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
5%	BRIANNA Very Large Leaf White Clover
20%	Red Clover Blend
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 30 - 35kg/ha (12 - 14kg/acre)





# **Javelin**

Incredibly adaptable medium term sward specifically aimed at meeting the requirements of beef and sheep farms

- Outstanding Spring growth for early utilisation
- Flexible, with first rate cutting and grazing characteristics
- Exceptionally high yields when taken for hay or silage
- Good Winter hardiness and persistence for use in marginal areas
- Extremely palatable with high summer production

18%	GENESIS Early Perennial Ryegrass
18%	NIFTY Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass
18%	NOLWEN Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
18%	THEGN Late Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
19%	HOPI NEW Late Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
4%	WINNETOU Timothy
5%	Dual Purpose White Clover Blend
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 30 - 37kg/ha (12 - 15kg/acre)











# Megabite





# High quality grazing mixture designed for intensive cattle systems

- A high proportion of Diploids, with top disease resistance and Clover gives excellent palatability and intake characteristics
- Persistent, late heading Ryegrasses provide a very good sward structure
- Formulated for full season production with good drought tolerance to boost Summer output
- Surplus production makes excellent silage
- Exceptionally high performance from the new late grasses
   WETHERBY and BOWIE for maximum conversion into meat or milk
- Optimum Grass/White Clover performance
- O Contains Birdsfoot Trefoil, a perennial legume adapted to a wide range of soil conditions. It contains tannins, which enhance nutrition, reduce the risk of bloat and can help reduce the worm burden in animals

16%	ABERGREEN Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass
16%	WETHERBY NEW Late Perennial Ryegrass
16%	BOWIE NEW Late Perennial Ryegrass
20%	NASHOTA Late Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
20%	THEGN Late Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
5%	WINNETOU Timothy
5%	Dual Purpose White Clover Blend
2%	Birdsfoot Trefoil
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 32 - 40kg/ha (13 - 16kg/acre)









# Claymore

An adaptable mixture aimed at long term cutting that produces exceptional yields of quality forage

- Varieties selected for top conservation yield
- Good Spring growth with relatively late heading date
- Good disease resistance and high sugar varieties for reliable fermentation
- Exceptional performance under intensive management
- Good hardiness and persistence
- Also produced excellent results in Oliver Seeds grazing trials, enhanced by top Clover varieties

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20%	BOYNE Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass
16%	SEAGOE Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
16%	NOLWEN Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
19%	ZORGUE NEW Late Perennial Ryegrass
20%	NASHOTA Late Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
4%	WINNETOU Timothy
5%	Cutting White Clover Blend
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 32 - 40kg/ha (13 - 16kg/acre)





# Claymore Ecotain®

Mixture designed to provide season long growth of feed high in protein, the inclusion of Ecotain® delivers environmental benefits by reducing leaching of N

- Plantain brings stress tolerance
- Includes Ecotain® for is environmental benefits
- Sward recovers quickly
- Ecotain® helps to reduce N leaching
- High legume inclusion for N fixing and livestock performance

14%	BOYNE Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass
15%	SEAGOE Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
10%	CONVEY Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
14%	ZORGUE NEW Late Perennial Ryegrass
20%	NASHOTA Late Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
4%	WINNETOU Timothy
4%	ECOTAIN® NEW Plantain
3%	Cutting Clover Blend
16%	Red Clover Blend
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 32 - 40kg/ha (13 - 16kg/acre)



Seed Rate: 32 - 40kg/ha (13 - 16kg/acre)







### Probably the best long term cutting and grazing mixture available

- Contains a high percentage of leading late heading Perennial Ryegrasses for ease of management
- O Combines yield and quality with hardiness and a very dense sward
- O High degree of adaptability and includes the advanced new Festulolium FOJTAN for enhanced durability
- Relatively high dry matter for less silage effluent and easier hay making
- O Tolerates high water tables and occasional flooding

12%	NIFTY Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass
15%	CONVEY Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
12%	BOWIE NEW Late Perennial Ryegrass
12%	ZORGUE NEW Late Perennial Ryegrass
17%	NASHOTA Late Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
19%	FOJTAN Festulolium
7%	WINNETOU Timothy
6%	Dual Purpose White Clover Blend
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 32 - 40kg/ha (13 - 16kg/acre)

















# Century



The ultimate in palatability and endurance from a grazing mixture for all classes of ruminant livestock

- Based upon late heading grasses only producing a very dense, hard wearing sward
- Excellent 'D' values and palatability for optimum intake and performance enhanced by the new varieties ZORGUE, BOWIE and WETHERBY
- Consistent production throughout the season
- Surplus growth makes excellent silage
- Top persistence and hardiness for many years reliable output

17%	ZORGUE NEW Late Perennial Ryegrass
16%	BOWIE NEW Late Perennial Ryegrass
16%	WETHERBY NEW Late Perennial Ryegrass
20%	NASHOTA Late Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
17%	THEGN Late Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
7%	WINNETOU Timothy
7%	Grazing White Clover Blend
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 32 - 40kg/ha (13 - 16kg/acre)







+2% Forage Rape





# Celt



Proven long term mixture primarily designed for grazing but with excellent potential for hay or silage production

- Grasses selected for persistency and sustained long term performance
- O Adaptable mixture that is flexible enough to suit all classes of ruminant livestock or management regime
- Very high yield potential of high quality forage
- Exceptional Winter hardiness and forage quality
- Increased Timothy to enhance palatability and suitability for heavier soils and higher altitudes

19%	AGASKA Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass
15%	TRIWARWIC Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
16%	CANCAN Late Perennial Ryegrass
17%	HOPI NEW Late Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
18%	THEGN Late Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
10%	WINNETOU Timothy
5%	Dual Purpose Clover Blend
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 32 - 40kg/ha (13 - 16kg/acre)



**EXTRA** TIMOTHY **INCLUDED** for Palatability, early growth and

ground cover



**OPTIONAL VARIANTS AVAILABLE** 

+2% Forage Rape





# Landmark Leys for diverse situations

It is important to consider what will grow, perform and persist on adverse sites.

Sometimes ryegrass alone will be unable to meet the needs of the farm and the animals so something else is required. Our Landmark range makes use of the excellent properties found within other species and we are pleased that the following leys have proved so useful to our customers.

### Pros and Cons of a Ryegrass Ley v Multi-Species Sward

Ryegrass Ley		
PROS	CONS	
Productive and nutritious	Demanding of nitrogen and moisture	
Fast establishment. Vigorous growth	Relatively shallow rooting	
Responsive to nitrogen fertiliser	Not as stress tolerant as some species	
High yielding in first two years	Less trace element/ mineral profile than some other grasses	
	Susceptible to Frit Fly attack	

ě	Multi-Species Sward				
i	PROS	CONS			
	Enhanced stress tolerance. Persistent	Slower to establish			
	Greater root mass and depth	Lower yield potential and quality			
	Earlier spring/later autumn growth	Not as responsive to fertiliser			
	Palatable	Difficult to control weeds chemically			
16 600	Good trace element/ mineral profile	O STA			
Sec.	Can have anthelmintic				

# Landmark Spectrum (GS4)

Where there is a desire for a wider nutritional profile from herbage, it makes sense to extract these nutrients from a broader range of plants so we have formulated the Landmark Spectrum mix to cater for this.

BEST SELLER Analyse soil ahead of sowing to give seeds best opportunity.



10%	DONATA Soft Leaf Cocksfoot	FO
6%	WINNETOU Timothy	FORMULAT
3%	ERMO Alsike Clover	
12%	SAINFOIN	
4%	ECOTAIN® NEW Plantain	
7%	AMOS Red Clover	
3%	Sheeps Burnet	
3%	IONA White Clover	
2%	Crimson Clover	
6%	LAURA Meadow Fescue	
3%	ALTASWEDE Late Red Clover	
1%	Birdsfoot Trefoil	
4%	CHOICE Chicory	
9%	LUZELLE Lucerne	
1%	Yarrow	
3%	Sheeps Parsley	
9%	LOFA Festulolium	63
14%	THEGN Late Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)	•
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 32 - 40kg/ha (13 - 16kg	





Discover more about eligibility and requirements for the legume and herb-rich swards option.

www.bit.ly/GS4info

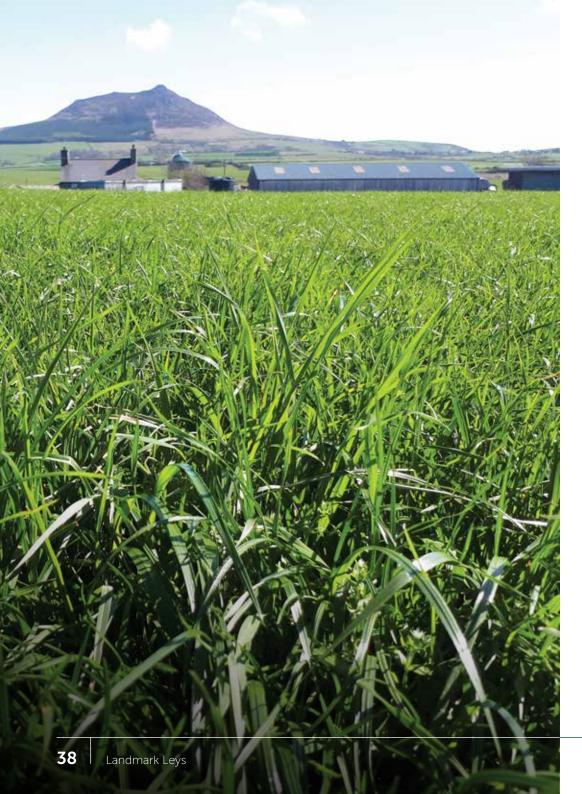




Seed Rate: 32 - 40kg/ha (13 - 16kg/acre)







# Landmark Extreme

### Highly productive and persistent mixture for cutting and grazing on adverse sites

- O This diverse range of species persists and performs on adverse sites. It can be cut or grazed
- O Good mid-season potential from all species
- O Ryegrass chosen for good rust resistance and persistence
- O Contains **DONATA** Cocksfoot, a soft leaved variety that offers persistence and is more palatable than some leading Perennial Ryegrass varieties
- O Now includes **FOJTAN** Festulolium. This new species is very stress tolerant and combines excellent yield with palatability and disease resistance



18%	FOJTAN Festulolium
22%	THEGN Late Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
29%	DONATA Soft Leaf Cocksfoot
17%	LAURA Meadow Fescue
7%	WINNETOU Timothy
5%	Dual Purpose White Clover Blend
2%	Birdsfoot Trefoil
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 32 - 40kg/ha (13 - 16kg/acre)











# **Landmark Permanent**

### A highly adaptable mix offering a wider nutritional base from the species used

- Traditional broad-spectrum meadow mix for medium to heavy soil types
- O Designed for low input systems
- Optimum stock health from species range
- Can be used for either cutting or grazing and is very hardy and persistent
- High dry matter allows for faster haymaking than modern mixtures
- Reliable production for many years
- O Contains Alsike Clover, a naturally occurring Perennial Clover similar to a medium leaved White Clover, but with a pink/purple flower. It is faster to establish than many White Clovers, but less persistent

100%		Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 32 - 40kg/ha (13 - 16kg/acre)
	1.5%	Mixed Herbs
	1%	Birdsfoot Trefoil
	1%	<b>ERMO</b> Alsike Clover
	5.5%	Grazing White Clover Blend
	9%	Smooth Stalked Meadow Grass
8% MAXIMA 1 Strong Creeping Red Fescue		
	14%	LAURA Meadow Fescue
	11%	WINNETOU Timothy
14% TODDINGTON Late Perennial Ryegrass  THEGN Late Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)		
	14% CANCAN Late Perennial Ryegrass	

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# Hay & Haylage



# **Meadow Hay Mixture**

#### Specialist mix for producing top quality hay

- Includes a small proportion of Sweet Vernal grass for sweet smelling hay
- Good early Spring growth for early grazing if required
- O Potential for high yields of top quality hay
- O High dry matter varieties for fast drying of hay crops
- Broad range of species for optimum nutrition
- Good sward density for extended grazing season
- O Can easily be used as a grazing paddock if hay is not required

30%	TODDINGTON Late Perennial Ryegrass
22%	CAVENDISH Late Perennial Ryegrass
14.5%	WINNETOU Timothy
30%	LAURA Meadow Fescue
3.1%	Crested Dogstail
0.4%	Sweet Vernal Grass
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 32 - 40kg/ha (13 - 16kg/acre)



# **Haylage Mixture**

### A carefully designed formula to meet the needs of this expanding market

- High percentage of diploids for rapid drying
- O High fibre content for a balanced diet
- O Top yielding varieties for maximum output
- Will last for 3 to 4 years
- Easily adapted for aftermath grazing
- O PERSEUS, LOFA and FOJTAN are all Festuloliums that offer outstanding annual yield of dry matter with reduced moisture content. Leaf yield and leaf retention is particularly good as is survival under extreme weather conditions

21%	<b>TETRAGRAZE</b> Hybrid Ryegrass (Tet)
15%	LOFA Festulolium
20%	PERSEUS Festulolium
15%	FOJTAN Festulolium
29%	BOYNE Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 32 - 37kg/ha (13 - 15kg/acre)









# Overseeding

There is great interest in using specific mixtures to overseed pasture in order to boost production.

This avoids the cost of conventional cultivation and re-seeding and is an excellent solution where shallow soils or stony conditions prevent traditional sowing.

Oliver Seeds publish guidelines on several methods available for your use; copies of these guidelines are available on request.

Please enquire for your

OVERSEEDING GUIDELINES
enquiries@oliver-seeds.co.uk

Large seeded, aggressive species are essential for overseeding to succeed.

Oliver Seeds have a range of mixtures suitable to cover all situations, but there is a new dedicated mix specifically formulated for maximum effect...

**TYPHOON** 

Ideal for surface or slot seeding, the components involved are primarily Hybrid and Tetraploid Ryegrasses to facilitate rapid establishment and accelerated growth.

Typhoon

**Overseeding Mixture** 

- Dedicated mix for specific purpose
- O Cost effective and productive
- O Sow at 7 10kgs per acre

20%	ASTONCRUSADER Hybrid Ryegrass (Tet)
20%	TETRAGRAZE Hybrid Ryegrass (Tet)
20%	PERSEUS Festulolium
20%	NOLWEN Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
20%	AGASKA Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags

Seed Rate: 18 - 25kg/ha (7 - 10kg/acre)







# GrassMax<sup>™</sup> ProNitro<sup>®</sup> No Clover



- Targeted nitrogen
- Improved establishment
- O Heavier seeds ideal for over seeding
- Encourages early root growth

#### Watch the

ProNitro® Hydroactive Water Management Technology Video



35%	<b>TRIWARWIC</b> Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)	
30%	THEGN Late Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)	
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 25 - 37kg/ha (10 - 15kg/acre)	

Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)

NOLWEN

Intermediate

www.bit.ly/ProNitroHWMT

## GrassMax™ ProNitro® With Clover



30%	NOLWEN Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
30%	TRIWARWIC Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
30%	THEGN Late Perennial Ryegrass (Tet)
10%	Dual Purpose White Clover Blend
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 25 - 37kg/ha (10 - 15kg/acre)

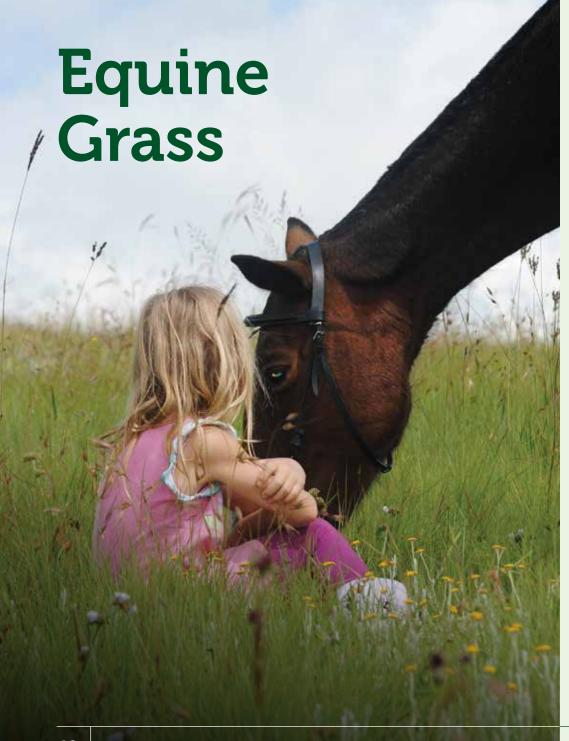
White Clover is high in protein and potentially reduce fertiliser inputs, but always inspect the percentage of clover in your fields before overseeding a mix with clover.

Please enquire for overseeding guidelines









### Paddock Mix

High quality grazing and exercise paddock mixture for re-seeding or oversowing

- Formulated for easier management and improved mid season cover
- Hard wearing dense sward enhanced by Timothy and Red Fescue
- Steady production throughout the growing season
- The wide range of species ensures a good nutritional balance
- O Surplus growth can make excellent hay
- Available with herbal mixture for enhanced nutrition



30%	CALVANO NEW Intermediate Perennial Ryegrass
30%	TODDINGTON Late Perennial Ryegrass
12%	WINNETOU Timothy
14%	MAXIMA 1 Strong Creeping Red Fescue
14%	Smooth Stalked Meadow Grass
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 32 - 50kg/ha (13 - 20kg/acre)

# Horse Herb Grazing Mix

Specialist mixture that provides a diverse nutritional base to enhance palatability and grazing interest

- Produces exceptionally dense, easily maintained sward
- Steady production through the growing season
- Contains Meadow Grass and Crested Dogstail for extreme wet and dry conditions
- Herbs for increased mineral uptake and balanced diet
- Creeping Red Fescue to infill, repair and bind the sward for greater durability
- Palatable but easily grazed grasses preferred by horses

24%	EVOCATIVE NEW  Late Perennial Ryegrass
13%	LAURA Meadow Fescue
10%	DONATA Soft Leaf Cocksfoot
3%	WINNETOU Timothy
3%	TINO Small Leaved Timothy
17%	MAXIMA Strong Creeping Red Fescue
10%	Crested Dogstail
7%	Smooth Stalked Meadow Grass
7%	Rough Stalked Meadow Grass
3%	Creeping Bent
1%	Rivendel White Clover
2%	Mixed Herbs
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 32 - 52kg/ha (13 - 21kg/acre)

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Lucerne is a deep rooted, perennial legume, ideally suited to light, free draining soils with a pH of 7. The plants usually have a protein content of around 18% and their higher fibre levels complement items like maize silage in a ration. Lucerne has a very good yield potential of 13 tonnes of dry matter/ha/year over the first 2 years.

The crop is usually sown between April and August at a depth of 1cm and a rate of 8-10 kilos per acre. The thicker the sowing rate, the thinner the stems.

Lucerne is usually treated as a 5 year conservation crop and cut 3-4 times. It is important to leave a minimum 10cm stubble to speed regrowth and not scalp the plant.









**FADO** – Exciting new variety demonstrating excellent anthracnose, eelworm and verticillium resistance coupled with very high yields.

**SALSA** – The best eelworm resistance available without sacrificing yield. This variety has thin stems but still good standing power.

**LUZELLE** – Specialist variety with a deeply placed root collar to withstand rotational grazing as used in the **Landmark Lucerne & Grass Mixture** on page 41.

All the above have a dormancy rating of 3-4 so are especially suited to Northern climates and/or Winter weed control.

CAUTION: Lucernes can cause 'bloat' to livestock.

Full lucerne growers guidelines are available on request enquiries@oliver-seeds.co.uk

# White Clover

These can be small, medium or large in leaf size. White Clover is stoloniferous so has the ability to spread through a sward and is capable of long term, sustained performance. Protein levels are similar to Red Clover but annual yields are lower and there is no risk over oestrogen.

#### **SMALL LEAVED**

are best for intensive sheep grazing due to their creeping growth habit and extreme persistence. They are also useful fertility aids to companion crops as they do not have excess biomass or a tendency to take over. Galway is a particularly good small leaved White Clover.

#### **MEDIUM LEAVED**

are useful for either cutting or grazing and are a mainstay in grazing mixtures. Iona and Buddy are leading varieties in this segment.

#### LARGE LEAVED

types are higher yielding so are suitable for cutting and cattle grazing leys. Usually, these types are less hardy and persistent but Violin White Clover has incredibly good persistence, yield and performance and so features strongly in our White clover blends.

Seed Rate: 5 - 7kg/ha (2 - 3kg/acre)

Mixtures of Clover varieties have been developed which satisfy the varying needs of the grower.



### Oliver Seeds promote three WHITE CLOVER BLENDS...

**CUTTING BLEND** – A large leaved Clover blend chosen to compete with Perennial Ryegrass in fast growing swards receiving limited nitrogen. Ideal for cutting and cattle grazing regimes.

**DUAL PURPOSE BLEND** – A combination of large, medium and small cultivars that will adapt under dual purpose management to provide high protein and mineral rich forage under either sheep or cattle grazing.

**GRAZING BLEND** – As the name implies, the focus is on small and medium leaved Clovers to excel under intensive livestock regimes especially sheep grazing.

# **Red Clover**

This is usually used in 3 year leys where it's yields over that period can average out at 13 tonnes of dry matter per hectare. Red Clover is assailed by eelworm and Sclerotinia (Clover Rot) so we select varieties that are more tolerant of these ailments and look to the benefit of a blend of top varieties for optimum performance.

Red Clover varies from 16-18% protein. so is fantastic for fattening animals, but oestrogen levels mean care needs to be taken when grazing livestock where fertility is paramount. A long, penetrating tap root offers excellent drought tolerance, recovery of deeper soil minerals and nutrients and is an excellent soil conditioner.

MAGELLAN - Excellent performance especially in the second harvest year with high protein content and persistency.

**AMOS** – An incredibly vigorous variety with excellent all round performance of yield, persistency and protein content.

**SANGRIA** – Excellent yields particularly in the spring coupled with good disease resistance and persistence.

Seed Rate: 10 - 15kg/ha (4 - 6kg/acre)













#### **RED CLOVER BLEND -**

This is a very high yielding, high protein blend that is very vigorous in establishment and growth.

Very good persistency and eelworm resistance ensure maximum output where RED CLOVER BLEND is used in short to medium term leys.

CAUTION: Clovers can cause 'bloat' to livestock.

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# Legumes



We have a range of legumes to help fix nitrogen naturally, improve soil structure and fertility, enhance protein and mineral levels in your forage crops. Legumes also increases biodiversity by attracting an abundance of insects and invertebrates, especially pollinators.

#### ALSIKE CLOVER

A short-lived perennial will last for 2-3 years. It tolerates cold, wet and infertile sites. Performs less in warmer climates. It has an upright growth habit with many fine stems from basal crown. It has a branch taproot, but no rhizomes or stolon's, so does not spread vegetatively. Nutritional value is similar to red clover. Can be grazed, cut for silage or hay. It can cause bloat like red and white clover and may cause photosensitization in horses.

Seed Rate: 5 - 7kg/ha (2 - 3kg/acre)

#### **BERSEEM CLOVER**

Also referred to as Egyptian clover, this is an annual species capable of explosive growth to produce large biomass very quickly. The larger mass offers greater nitrogen production and return to the soil. The species has no frost tolerance and the large, fleshy plants produced degrade rapidly for ease of incorporation. It's has a taproot with a fibrous root network which likes deep fertile soils and enough moisture. A good cover crop to put between two cereal crops or as a companion crop for oil seed rape, brassicas and root crops.

Seed rate: 15 - 22kg/ha (6 - 9kg/acre)

### CRIMSON CLOVER

An annual clover that establishes quickly to aid weed suppression and has a wonderful network of tap and fibrous branch roots. The species does have over wintering capabilities in milder parts of the country and the biomass produced degrades rapidly back into the soil profile. It prefers loam soils, but will tolerate poor soils as long as alkaline and free draining. Mainly used as fodder with short term grass for grazing or silage and also as a green manure crop to improve soil fertility.

Seed rate: 12 - 15kg/ha (5 - 6kg/acre)

#### **PERSIAN CLOVER**

An annual clover with prostrate or semi-erect growth habit to 60 cm (24 in) tall. It forms a dense sward and has a rosette growth habit. Its high in protein producing highly palatable and nutritious forage with excellent regrowth following grazing or cutting. Mostly used in mixtures with annual ryegrass or annual legumes. A great advantage is that it has good tolerance of waterlogging and prefers soils with a high clay content.

Seed Rate: 7 - 10kg/ha (3 - 4kg/acre)









## SAINFOIN #

Sainfoin acts as a natural anthelmintic and the condensed tannins this legume contains helps to aid protein absorption, thus improving feed conversion efficiency by livestock. Unlike other species, Sainfoin will not cause bloat in livestock. It can also help reduce the worm burden in animals. Best suited to light soils. the deep rooting system of Sainfoin provides a drought resistant forage that requires no nitrogen fertiliser and little phosphate. This legume prefers alkaline soils and although slow to establish, it is a persistent species.

Seed rate: 65 - 100 kg/ha (25 - 40 kg/acre)

### YELLOW BLOSSOM CLOVER

Also referred to as Sweet Clover, is a biennial plant which can persist for several years due to its selfregenerating properties and grow up to 2 meters tall. It will establish quickly and grow vigorously. It can thrive in the poorest of soils and being leguminous and deep rooting it is invaluable for improving soil structure and fertility, but does prefer dry sites. It's generally used in mixtures that last 2 - 3 years, this could be for diverse mixtures, green manure cover crops and game cover crops.

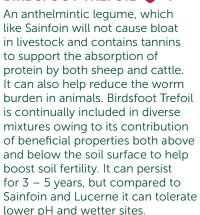
Seed rate: 6kg/ha (2.5kg/acre)

#### **VFTCHFS**

This fast growing, scrambling, annual legume has excellent weed supressing characteristics. It has a deep taproot and prefers loam and clay soils with good fertility levels. Vetches are more tolerant of water logging than most legumes. Mainly used in arable silage mixtures with cereals and peas or as a green manure crop, but can also be mixed with short-term grass and other annual legumes. Due to its large seed size, it will establish later than most other legumes.

Seed rate: 60 - 120kg/ha (25 - 50kg/acre)

### BIRDSFOOT TREFOIL



Seed rate: 10 - 12.5kg/ha (4 - 5kg/acre)



= ANTHELMINTIC. Improves Animal Health





# **Forage Maize**

### **Perez KWS**

#### Gain Higher Yields Faster!

PEREZ KWS sets new standards in the very early maturity segment of the forage maize market combining superb yields with excellent forage quality.

PEREZ KWS has excellent early vigour making it ideal for sowing on less favourable sites or simply where a fast start is desired.

Very early maturity and excellent vigour offers flexibility with drilling date and harvest timing on favourable sites allowing for timely establishment of a following crop.

- Excellent early vigour
- O High dry matter yields of starch and ME
- Very early maturity for flexible drilling or harvesting dates
- Good standing power
- O DM Yield 17.19 to 17.57 t DM/Ha
- O Starch Yield 5.85 to 6.08 t/Ha
- O ME Yield 199,000 to 205,900 MJ/Ha

### Debalto NEW

NEW on the BSPB/NIAB Descriptive List 2023

Push your starch yield...
Keep your harvest on track!

Excellent vigour combined with strong dry matter yield and high grain quality



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# **Ability**

# On the BSPB/NIAB Descriptive List 2023

ABILITY combines an early maturity with outstanding yields of dry matter, energy and starch.

The challenging weather conditions in recent seasons have highlighted the importance of good early vigour, especially at less favourable sites, ABILITY scores 7.6 for this important character.

- Very high DM yields
- Early maturity
- Excellent early vigour
- Superb standing power
- O DM Yield 18.30 to 18.91 t DM/Ha
- O Starch Yield 5.59 to 5.93 t/Ha
- O ME Yield 210,730 to 220,600 MJ/Ha

# **Undersown Maize**

The under sowing of maize is recognised as offering many benefits, and to this end Olivers have undertaken work to evaluate this and can offer advice around mixtures and importantly establishment techniques.

#### Benefits of undersowing:

- Nutrient capture
- Ground cover
- Reduced run off
- Possibility of late / early graze
- Improved traveling at harvest





OLIVER SEEDS HAVE
A FULL PORTFOLIO OF VARIETIES
THAT ARE SUCCESSFULLY USED FOR
UNDERSOWING MAIZE

so please enquire to discuss the best options open to you.

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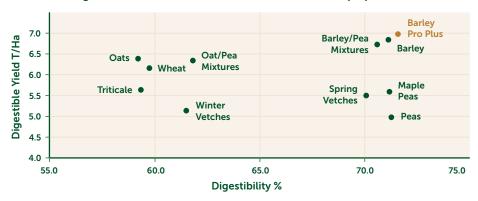
## **Wholecrop Forage Mixtures**

Oliver Seeds have carried out extensive trials on various aspects of wholecrop mixtures and the results make for some fascinating reading.

Wholecrop Guidelines Available Please enquire

A summary is outlined below and full details can be obtained from your Oliver Seeds field staff.

#### Chart 1: Digestible Yield Relative to "D" value of Wholecrop Species

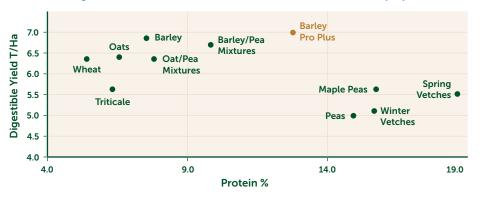


Energy density and protein are crucial factors in deciding what you need. Barley was the top performing cereal at 6.8 tonnes of dry matter per hectare in our trials.

Peas and Vetches play a huge part in supplying protein for home grown rations. Not only do the pulses supply protein but also have a very high "D" value ensuring maximum feed value.

Of the Peas, the tannin rich Maples established quickly and were very vigorous, yielding approximately  $\bf 1$  tonne more dry matter per hectare than the blue and white Combining Peas in the trial.

#### Chart 2: Digestible Yield Relative to Protein Content of Wholecrop Species



# Pea & Barley No.1

# Outstanding performance for protein content feed value.

The open nature of the cover crop allows undersown grass to thrive and provide a significant yield of dry matter to bolster the yield from the wholecrop components. If Clover is required in the grass sward, this is probably better introduced in the Spring or after first cut silage.

- 17-22 tonnes/hectare of very high protein silage in about 14 weeks
- O Allows undersown grass to thrive
- Good standing power
- O Dedicated seed rate to enhance starch and protein
- Good tannin levels to improve the level of bypass protein

# Oliver Seeds Organic option available

66%	PEAS
34%	SPRING BARLEY
100%	Packed and supplied in 250 or 500kg bags Seed Rate: 160kg/ha (65kg/acre)

Increase seed rate if sown after mid April or seed bed conditions are difficult.
Reduce seed rate by 15% if undersowing with grass or sowing in high fertility sites.

# **Barley Pro Plus No.2**

The combination of semi leafless Maple Peas, Combining Peas, Spring Vetch and Barley provides for the highest nutrient density available.

The mix has excellent lodging resistance, very good disease resistance and matures at the same time for harvest purposes.

- 22-24 tonnes/hectare of high protein silage in about 14 weeks
- O Allows undersown grass to thrive
- Excellent standing power for high dry matter
- O Highest digestible yield per hectare proven in trials
- Good tannin levels to improve the level of bypass protein



# Oliver Seeds Organic option available

20% PEAS  20% MAPLE PEAS	Packed and supplied in 250 or 500kg bags Seed Rate: 173kg/ha (70kg/acr	50% <b>100%</b>
20% <b>PEAS</b>		
	PEAS	20%
10% SPRING VETCH	SPRING VETCH	10%

Increase seed rate if sown after mid April to 185kg/ha (75kg/acre). Reduce seed rate by 10% if undersowing with grass or sowing in high fertility sites.

**ALSO AVAILABLE** 

Oat Pro Plus No.3

A mix of Oats, Barley & Peas

Please enquire for more information.

Oliver Seeds
Organic
option available

# **Forage Root Crops Selector**



					See	d Rate	
Yield/Acre Dry Matter (Fresh)	Mj/kg Dry Matter	Sowing Period	Usage Period	Broadcast kg/acre	Drill kg/acre	Precision kg/acre or Seed No/acre	Graded Seed Size
Fodder Be	eet						
5.5 (35)	12.5	Mar - May	Oct - May	_	-	50,000 seeds	Q-U
Swede							
2.5 (25)	12.5	May - Jun	Oct – Mar	1.0 to 2.0	1.0 to 1.5	0.15 to 0.35	Н
Turnip							
2.0 (25)	11.2	May - Jul	Oct- Jan	1.0 to 2.0	1.0 to 1.5	-	-
Autumn/\	Winter H	(ale					
3.5 (24)	11.0	May - Jun	Sept - Feb	1.0 to 2.0	1.0 to 1.5	-	-
Summer I	Rape/Wi	infred				,	
2.0 (20)	10.5	Apr - May	June - Jul	1.5 to 2.5	1.0 to 2.0	-	-
Stubble T	urnip						
1.8 (18)	11.2	Apr - Aug	June - Jan	1.0 to 2.0	1.0 to 2.0	-	-
Autumn F	Rape/Wi	nfred					
2.4 (22)	10.5	Jul - Aug	Oct - Feb	1.5 to 2.5	1.0 to 2.0	-	-
Autumn F	eed Mix	rture					
2.4 (22)	10.8	Apr - Aug	Oct - Feb	1.5 to 2.5	1.0 to 2.0	-	-
Winter Fe	ed Mixtu	ıre					
3.0 (25)	11.0	Jun - Jul	Nov - Feb	1.5 to 2.5	1.0 to 2.0	-	-
Raptor an	d Rapit	a					
5.5 (35)	11.5	Mar - Aug	from 8 weeks	8 to 10	8 to 10	-	-
Tornado							. 6
5.5 (35)	11.5	Feb - Nov	1 year	10 to 15	12.5 to 15	Guid	e Crop elines
Protector Rye Available Please enquire							
5.5 (35)	10.0	Aua - Oct	Feb - Mav	80	60 - 75		

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## **Fodder Beet**



A full season root crop similar to Sugar Beet. Fodder Beet is capable of producing very heavy yields of highly digestible dry matter and is well suited to the UK climate.

Variety	Monro	Bangor	Delicante	Enermax	Magnum
Clean dry matter yield (% Enermax)	74.8	96.1	104.1	100	103.6
Fresh yield (% Enermax)	99.8	114	114.9	100	99.7
Dry matter content (%)	15.9	18.6	19.1	21.4	22.2
Establishment (9 = good)	7.4	8	7.5	8.1	7.6
Bolting (%)	n/a	0.3	0.1	0	0.1
Top size (9 = large)	n/a	7.7	7.2	6.9	6.5
Root in the ground (%)	48	51	56	72	62
Cleanliness (9 = best)	n/a	7.2	7.2	6.6	6.4
Rust (9 = best)	n/a	7	n/a	6	4
Ramularia (9 = best)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	7
Root colour	Red	Yellow	White	White	White
			NEW		•

## **Swede**

A full season root crop. Generally more frost hardy than turnips and with a higher nutritional value but a longer growing period. An excellent crop for finishing lambs.

Variety	Airlie	Gowrie	Kenmore	Marian	Ruta Otofte
Forage	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Culinary	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Root Shape (9 = Globe 1 = Tankard)	6.0	7.0	5.0	4.0	5.0
Skin Colour	Light Purple	Purple	Bronze	Purple	Dark Purple
Flesh Colour	Creamy White	Yellow	White	Yellow	Cream

Care should be taken when changing an animal's diet from grass to high protein brassicas (especially in Summer). If you are unfamiliar with the utilisation of these crops, we would ask you to read our guidelines on the subject and these are available on request.

Forage Root Crops Selector

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# **Forage** Roots & **Brassicas**



# Grüner Angeliter Kale

A very high yielding variety with good winter hardiness and excellent feeding quality with fresh yields 15% higher than Caledonian kale and 10% higher than Bittern in trials. Grüner Angeliter has been the mainstay forage variety of kale in New Zealand for many years and since its introduction to the UK has become equally popular over here. It's high yields make it ideal for utilisation by dairy and beef cattle and as winter feed for sheep.

### Astera Kale NEW

A very productive and leafy variety, characterised by its high yields. It is a very winter hardy variety producing high crude protein yields..

# **Forage Rape**

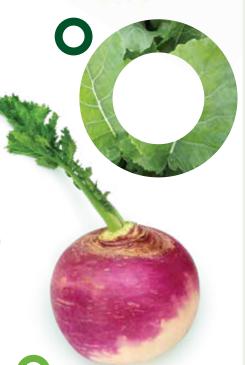
A crop related to Turnip and grown for forage, particularly sheep grazing, during the Autumn and early Winter. The plant produces rapid, succulent, leafy growth, smothering weeds.

# Stubble Turnip

A fast growing catch crop usually sown after first cut silage for Summer grazing or after cereals for Autumn use. Can usually be grazed 8 weeks after sowing.

# **Maincrop Turnip**

Later maturing than Stubble Turnips with higher dry matter and better Winter hardiness. Similar to Swedes but with a shorter growing period of 12 to 15 weeks.



### Winfred

Semi-dwarf Rape, a cross between Stubble Turnip and Kale producing high protein, leafy forage in 6 to 8 weeks.

- High seedling vigour gives more reliable establishment than Kale
- O High leaf to stem ratio and good disease resistance give excellent palatability
- O Bolting resistance produces reliable high quality Summer grazing
- Proven palatability in grazing trials
- Better re-growth potential than other varieties
- Better Winter hardiness than Stubble Turnips

#### **STOCKING RATES**

Potential stocking rates vary according to the crops grown and the type of livestock employed.

We do publish guidelines to outline potential rates so please enquire for your copy.

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### **Sheep Prefer Winfred!**

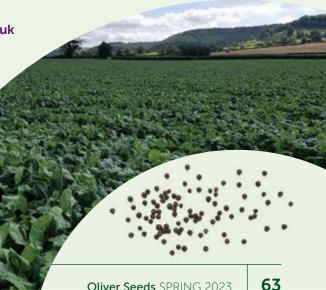
A great result for the specialist Forage Rape "Winfred" was observed in two recent grazing trials which compared Winfred, Swift, Napoleon and Autumn Feed.

Two weeks into grazing we were alerted by the farmer who said:

"Very interesting things were happening in the forage crop field! The sheep are camped in the Winfred all the time; they graze it nearly to the floor, and then break through the fence to get at it again!"

#### In the second trial the farmer commented:

"I would never have believed that lambs could be so choosy. It is obvious to me that Winfred has something the stock prefer, and their conversion rate seemed to be so much quicker when they were concentrating on the Winfred".



# **Catch Crops**



Add N-Scent
Cover Mix with
Autumn/Winter Feed
to help detur
flea beetle & fix N
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### **Autumn Feed**

- Sow from April to Mid August to utilise from June to February
- Rapid establishment and good Winter hardiness
- O Very high yields of palatable forage
- Excellent disease and bolting resistance for improved grazing quality and a longer grazing period

45%	<b>WINFRED</b> Forage Rape
35%	<b>VOLLENDA</b> Stubble Turnip
15%	RONDO Stubble Turnip
5%	<b>ASTERA</b> Kale
100%	Packed and supplied in 5kg bags Seed Rate: 2.5 - 6kg/ha (1 - 2.5kg/acre)

## **Winter Feed**

- An Sow from June to end of July to utilise from October to February
- Highly palatable, leafy forage
- Excellent Winter hardiness gives more reliable grazing in January and February than Stubble Turnips

50%	<b>ASTERA</b> Kale
25%	<b>WINFRED</b> Forage Rape
25%	GREEN GLOBE Turnip
100%	Packed and supplied in 5kg bags Seed Rate: 2.5 - 6kg/ha (1 - 2.5kg/acre)



# Raptor

- Oliver's best selling catch crop options combined into one mixture
- Can be used as a Summer or Autumn grazing mix and can be grazed 2-3 times
- Produces a more balanced ration for grazing stock. Graze after 8-10 weeks to optimise regrowth potential.
- Tornado provides more reliable regrowth than Winfred alone even after hard grazing

10%	<b>WINFRED</b> Forage Rape
90%	TORNADO Ryegrass
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 20 - 25kg/ha (8 - 10kg/acre)





### **Crimson Tide**

- An alternative to brassicas where flea beetle is a problem
- Fast and reliable establishment
- Can be used as a Summer or Autumn grazing mix and can be grazed 2-3 times
- Produces a more balanced ration for grazing stock with high protein from the clover

77%	WESTERWOLDS Ryegrass
13%	CRIMSON Clover
10%	BALANSA NEW Clover
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 30 - 35kg/ha (12 - 14kg/acre)





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# **Game Cover Crops**

	Sowing Date	Cover Period	Cover Quality	Feeding Quality	Marginal Areas	Seed Rate (kg/acre)
Winter Holding Crops						
Game Maize	Apr - Jun	Aug - Jan	0000	000		1 pack
Winfred	Apr - Jul	Aug - Jan	0000		000	1.5 - 2.5
Kale	Apr - Jun	Aug - Feb	0000		0000	1.0 - 2.0
Sunflower	May - Jun	Aug - Dec	000	00		5.0
Quinoa	Mar - May	Aug - Dec	00	000	00	2.0
Linseed	Mar - May	Aug - Nov	00	00	000	25.0
Dwarf Sorghum	May - Jun	Aug - Jan	000	00		8.0
Intermediate Sorghum	May - Jun	Aug - Dec	000	0		8.0
Buckwheat	Apr - Jun	Jun - Oct	00	00		20.0
Phacelia	Apr - Aug	Jun - Dec	00		00	3.0 - 4.0
Yellow Blossom Sweet Clover	Apr - Jul	Jun - Feb	000	0	00	2.5
Holdfast Canary Grass	Apr - Jun	Jun - Feb	0000	0	00	2.5
Reed Canary Grass	Apr - Jun	Jun - Feb	0000	0	0000	2.5
Winter Holding Mixture	es					
BGM1	Apr - Aug	Jun - Feb	000	0	0000	8.0
Millet	May - Jun	Aug - Dec	000	000		5.0
Broadshot	Jun - Jul	Sept - Feb	0000	00	0000	6.0
Partridge Mixture	Mar - Apr	Sept - Dec	000	000	000	25.0
Northern Star	Mar - May	Aug - Dec	0000	000	0000	20.0
Overdrive	Mar - Jun	Aug - Feb	0000	00	000	2.5
WBS 1	Mar - Apr	Aug - Jan	00	000	000	16.0
WBS 1 Northern	Mar - Apr	Aug - Jan	00	000	000	16.0
WBS 2	Mar - Apr	Aug - Feb	000	000	000	16.0
WBS 2 Northern	Mar - Apr	Aug - Feb	000	000	000	16.0
WBS 3	Mar - Apr	Aug - Jan	00	000	000	16.0
Decoy Mixture	Apr - Jun	Aug - Jan	000	0000	000	8.0
Catch Crops						
Mustard	Aug - Sept	Oct - Dec	000	00	00	5.0
Fodder Radish	Aug	Oct - Dec	000	00	00	3.0
Forage Rape	Jul - Aug	Aug - Feb	0000		0000	1.0 - 2.0
Texsel Greens	Mar - Jun	Aug - Jan	00	00	000	2.5
Late Cover Mix	Aug	Oct - Feb	0000	00	000	5.0

## Kale

Kale is still the mainstay of Winter game cover and the only crop to provide total shelter to game birds throughout the Winter months. Its slow establishment exposes it to Flea Beetle attack and drought. New hardy Fodder Rapes are taking some of this market (see Winfred).



## Winfred

# Having trouble establishing Kale? Then Winfred is the solution

- Winfred is a Kale x Stubble Turnip hybrid
- Easy to establish being much more vigorous than Kale
- Shows rapid recovery from Flea Beetle attack
- Excellent crop canopy and Winter hardiness
- Good disease resistance and option for final grazing after the shooting season is over

## Goldeneye

- Especially bred for the game cover market
- A giant type Kale with a leafy top, strong stem, good Winter hardiness and good tolerance of disease
- In SAC trials
   Goldeneye achieved
   a higher vigour score
   than Caledonian Kale
   and equal or better
   club root tolerance

# **Broadshot**

- The aim is feed and cover with colourful appearance
- Includes GOLDENEYE Kale where larger leaves afford greater shelter
- Targeted for insect attraction especially from Phacelia
- Enough in the armoury that it can be left to regenerate for a second year
- Careful selection from a range of species to facilitate economical weed control with chemicals such as Clorpyralid
- All the above bullets will give you the best bang for your buck





34%	BUCKWHEAT
17%	GOLDENEYE KALE
10%	PHACELIA
10%	WHITE MILLET
8%	FORAGE RAPE
8%	RED MILLET
5%	JAPANESE REED MILLET
4%	QUINOA
4%	YELLOW BLOSSOM CLOVER
100%	Packed and supplied in 10kg bags Seed Rate: 15kg/ha (6kg acre)





# Legume Fallow Mixtures Two Year (AB15)

Agreements starting before or after 1st Jan 2020

# Legume Fallow Mixture With Grass

66%	PERENNIAL RYEGRASS
15%	RED CLOVER
10%	VETCH
4%	BIRDSFOOT TREFOIL
3%	BLACK MEDICK
1%	ALSIKE CLOVER
1%	LUCERNE
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 30 - 40kg/ha (12 - 16kg/acre)

Agreements starting after 1st Jan 2021

# Legume \*\* Fallow Mixture

**Non Grass** 

52%	VETCH
16%	ALSIKE CLOVER
16%	LUCERNE (INOCULATED)
10%	RED CLOVER
3%	BIRDSFOOT TREFOIL
3%	BLACK MEDICK
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 15 - 20kg/ha (6 - 8kg/acre)

# Flower Rich Margin Mixture (AB8)

SLENDER RED FESCUE **SMOOTH STALKED** 25% **MEADOW GRASS CHEWINGS FESCUE** 12% 10% **CRESTED DOGSTAIL** HARD FESCUE 5% 3.25% SAINFOIN 3% VETCH 3% **BROWNTOP BENT** 2.5% **BIRDSFOOT TREFOIL** 2% **BLACK MEDICK RED CLOVER** 2% 2% **BLACK KNAPWEED** Ν 1.3% **OXEYE DAISY** Ν 1.2% YARROW Ν 1% WILD CARROT 1% **PLANTAIN** Ν 0.5% SELFHEAL 0.25% **MUSK MALLOW** Ν Packed and supplied in 10 & 20kg bags 100% Seed Rate: 16 - 20kg/ha (6.5 - 8kg/acre)



We have two other options that comply for AB8:

# BGM4 with Wildflowers & Fine Grasses

This is an economical mix within the parameters allowed.

Butterfly & Bumblebee Mixture

This is a high specification mixture geared to a greater percentage of wildflowers.



N = UK Native Seed

### Wild Bird Seed Mixtures

These mixtures will help feed seed eating birds, especially where there are few remaining food sources.

The seed may be sown in blocks or strips to aid weed control and there are six options outlined below to provide one or two year feed and cover options. The sown areas may be relocated to clean ground to avoid the build up of weeds and disease.



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### Wild Bird Seed 2 Year Mixture

Will provide more cover than WBS1, with seed shedding in Autumn and Winter to provide feed.

- Attracts grey partridge
- The Kale and self sown volunteers have the potential to provide feed and cover in the second year

Sow Late March - End April

### **WBS1 (AB9)**

#### Wild Bird Seed Annual Mixture

Provides cover and feed for small birds, mammals and game throughout the year.

- Attracts tree sparrows
- Will provide shelter in "open" cover and shed seed through the late Autumn and Winter period
- No cover in the second year

Sow Late March - End April

### **WBS3 (AB9)**

#### Wild Bird Seed Annual Mixture

Provides cover and feed for small birds, mammals and game throughout the year.

Attracts finches and buntings

Sow Late March - End April

WBS3 & WBS4 are herbicide tolerant, but please discuss with your agronomist for current specific products and recommendations.

### **WBS4 (AB9)**

#### Wild Bird Seed Annual Mixture

Contains a more diverse range of species than WBS3

- Attracts Finches and Buntings
- Will provide shelter in "open" cover and shed seed through the late Autumn and Winter period
- No cover in the second year

Sow Late March - End April

Formulas suitable for Northern areas are available

# Stewardship and Environmental Leys

Legume and herb mixtures provide an abundance of productive grazing for livestock and a habitat and food source for invertebrates and pollinators, supporting biodiversity.

They also act as soil conditioners mainly through aeration and nutrient provision.

# Legume and Herb Rich Mix (GS4) 🗸

Comprehensive spread of grasses and herbs for good forage performance whilst maintaining ecological benefits.

- Utilises the benefits of quality forage grasses and legumes
- Herbs for enhanced mineral and trace element uptake and preferential grazing
- Omits Chicory so the ley can be utilised more easily for hay or silage
- Optimum stock health benefits from the species range included
- Enhances soil health and nutrient fixation

	25%	PERENNIAL RYEGRASS	
	25%	FESTULOLIUM	
	15%	CREEPING RED FESCUE	
	10%	SMOOTH STALKED MEADOW GRAS	S
	7%	RED CLOVER	
	5.6%	SAINFOIN	
	5%	TIMOTHY	
	3%	ALSIKE CLOVER	
1	.93%	LUCERNE (INOCULATED)	
-	1%	SHEEP'S BURNET	
	0.5%	BIRDSFOOT TREFOIL	
	0.5%	PLANTAIN	
0	.25%	YARROW	
	0.2%	SHEEP'S PARSLEY	
0.	.02%	BLACK KNAPWEED (N)	N
1	00%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 30kg/ha (12kg/acre)	





## Herbal Meadow Mix (GS4) \( \square\$

Comprehensive spread of grasses and herbs with greater focus on root mass and soil conditioning whilst still offering high forage quality.

- Utilises the benefits of quality forage grasses and legumes
- Herbs for enhanced mineral and trace element uptake and preferential grazing
- Includes Chicory for increased drought tolerance and anthelmintic properties
- Greater proportions of deep rooting species such as Cocksfoot, Lucerne, Chicory and Festulolium for added root mass and soil conditioning properties
- Enhances soil health and nutrient fixation

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27%	PERENNIAL RYEGRASS
20%	FESTULOLIUM
13%	COCKSFOOT
10%	SMOOTH STALKED MEADOW GRASS
7%	RED CLOVER
6%	SAINFOIN
5%	ТІМОТНҮ
5%	LUCERNE (INOCULATED)
3%	ALSIKE CLOVER
1%	FENUGREEK
1%	PERENNIAL CHICORY
0.7%	PLANTAIN
0.5%	BIRDSFOOT TREFOIL
0.5%	SHEEP'S BURNET
0.25%	YARROW
0.05%	SHEEP'S PARSLEY
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Seed Rate: 30kg/ha (12kg/acre)





# Landmark Spectrum (GS4) /

See the Landmark Spectrum mixture and more about GS4 on page 37



To discover more, visit

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### The characteristics of ultimate green cover crops would be:

- Suppression of weeds
- Preventing leaching of soil nutrients
- Improvement of fertility by increasing nutrient levels and organic matter
- Reduction of pest and disease risk in following crops
- NOT to introduce volunteer weeds
- Require limited maintenance

Choice of crop depends upon the length of time it will be in the ground, the date of sowing and disease risk in any rotation.

Full details on all Cover Crops are in the Your Countryside brochure

### Pests and diseases

The choice of green cover crop is affected by both the problems anticipated in a rotation and specifically the following crop. There are many examples of linked pests or diseases. **Avoid choosing green cover crops from the same plant family.** 

# **Cover Crop Selector**

	Sowing Date <sup>1</sup>	Ability to Suppress Weeds	Ability to Retain Nutrients	Ability to Add Fertility	Weed Seed Risk <sup>2</sup>	Extra Grazing(G) or Silage(S) <sup>3</sup>
Perennials						
Sweet Clover	Apr - Aug	00	000	0000	LOW	
Annuals						
Vetches	Mar - Sept	000	000	000	LOW	S
Nematode Buster	Apr - Sept	0000	000		LOW	G <sup>4</sup>
Terminator	Apr - Sept	0000	000		LOW	G <sup>4</sup>
Mustard	Apr - Sept	0000	000		LOW	G <sup>4</sup>
Fodder Radish	Jul - Aug	0000	000		LOW	G <sup>4</sup>
Forage Rape	May - Aug	0000	000		LOW	G
Phacelia	Apr - Aug	000	00		MODERATE	

- <sup>1</sup> Sowing dates will vary according to site and region.
- <sup>2.</sup> Particularly important in organic rotations.
- <sup>3.</sup> Green cover taken for fodder by grazing or cutting will significantly reduce the green manure value.
- 4. Fodder Radish and Mustard can be grazed for a brief period, before flowering.

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### **Buster Cover Mix**

A mix of species to provide Nitrogen fixation, soil conditioning and root mass

- Quick to establish and fast growing
- Frost will kill Buckwheat
- Very good weed suppression and N fixation
- O Not really suitable for grazing
- Species are deep rooting for soil aeration and conditioning
- O Sow by mid September

	THEM IMAROUED
35%	BUCKWHEAT
15%	LINSEED
15%	DAIKON RADISH
12%	CRIMSON CLOVER
12%	FODDER RADISH
6%	GOLD OF PLEASURE
5%	PHACELIA
100%	Packed and supplied in 25 & 500kg bags Seed Rate: 15 - 25kg/ha (6 - 10kg/acre)

### **Nematode Resistant Mustard**

- BRACO is a new Nematode resistant Mustard that breaks eelworm life cycles by preventing cysts from developing
- Mustard mops up residual nitrogen and returns it to the soil profile for following crops
- Is fast establishing, smothers weeds very effectively and has biofumigant properties
- Plough in when flowering starts and is a low cost option

100%	BRACO
100%	Packed and supplied in 25kg bags Seed Rate: 10 - 12kg/ha (4 - 5kg/acre)



### **Nematode Buster**

#### Nematode resistant mustard

The combination of Fodder Radish and Nematode Resistant Mustard allows a good rotational break, lowers eelworm populations for subsequent susceptible crops and improves soil structure

40%	FODDER RADISH
60%	NEMATODE RESISTANT MUSTARD
100%	Packed and supplied in 25kg bags Seed Rate: 10 - 12kg/ha (4 - 5kg/acre) Sowing Depth approx. 2.5cm

# **N-Joy Cover Mix**

# A combination that provides good grazing and soil conditioning where desired

- Quick to establish and fast growing
- Prolonged growing season and winter hardy
- Very good weed suppression and N fixation
- All species are readily grazed with high protein levels
- Species are deep rooting for soil aeration and conditioning

• Benefits the livestock above and below the surface

Sow by mid September







### N-Liven Cover Mix NEW

A high legume content mixture for maximum nitrogen fixation that is cereal and brassica free

- Primary role of this seed mix is nitrogen fixation to boost soil fertility between main crops especially two cereal crops
- Good cover well into late winter and provides a range of rooting depth for enhanced soil aeration and drainage
- Can be grazed as a means of removal rather than chemical or cultivation methods

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60%	VETCH 0, 2023 . N
20%	CRIMSON CLOVER
10%	LINSEED
10%	PHACELIA
100%	Packed and supplied in 25kg bags Seed Rate: 15kg/ha (6kg/acre)





### **N-Rich Cover Mix**

A reliable and economical mixture that can be used for grazing as well as soil conditioning

- Quick to establish and fast growing
- Prolonged growing season and winter hardy
- Vetches fix nitrogen at lower temperatures than other legumes
- O Both species provide good grazing
- Both species are deep rooting for soil aeration and conditioning
- O Sow by the end of September

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80%	FORAGE RYE
20%	VETCH
100%	Packed and supplied in 25 & 500kg bags Seed Rate: 50 - 75kg/ha (20 - 30kg/acre)



### N-Scent Cover Mix NEW

# A companion crop to fix nitrogen and deter flea beetle

- Two fast growing species that both have the ability to fix nitrogen and act as a distraction to plant pests and predators
- Fenugreek gives off a distinctive aroma that deters flea beetle

50%	BERSEEM CLOVER
50%	FENUGREEK
100%	Packed and supplied in 25kg bags Seed Rate: 10kg/ha (4kg/acre)

# N-Trap Cover Mix NEW

### A companion crop to deter flea beetle and act as a diversionary food source for other predators

- A combination of fast growing species that act as an alternative food source and distraction to pests that prey on brassica crops
- The canopy cover has the potential to slow the progress of flea beetle whilst fixing and releasing nitrogen to companion oilseed rape crops
- The cover crop that will die back over winter for ease of management









# Amenity Grass, Landscaping and Sports

### **PM27 Ecosward Plus**

# Low maintenance landscape mix with clover including ryegrass

- Reduce input costs and be kind to the environment by eliminating the need for excessive fertiliser, water and herbicide
- Microclover naturally fixes nitrogen for the grasses while significantly increasing drought tolerance and disease resistance
- Produces a visually attractive, dark green, hard wearing turf
- High carbon capture mixture

50%	<b>DOUBLE</b> 4Turf® Tetraploid Perennial Ryegrass
35%	SERGEI Strong Creeping Red Fescue
10%	WAGNER NEW Chewings Fescue
5%	Microclover



Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Sowing Rate 25g/m<sup>2</sup> Overseeding 25g/m<sup>2</sup> Mowing Height 13-25mm

## PM50 Quality Lawn

#### High quality hard wearing lawn

- Establishes rapidly and is a hardwearing, high quality and durable turf
- Fine leaved sward of excellent appearance
- Shade tolerant and thrives under low maintenance management
- High levels of disease resistance





5%	TETRADRY NEW 4Turf® Tetraploid Perennial Ryegrass
10%	TETRAGAME NEW 4Turf Tetraploid Perennial Ryegrass
15%	CHARDIN Perennial Ryegrass
20%	<b>DICKENS</b> Perennial Ryegrass
30%	SERGEI Strong Creeping Red Fescue
10%	WAGNER NEW Chewings Fescue
10%	PINAFORE NEW Slender Creeping Red Fescue
100%	Packed in 5kg, 10kg & 20kg bags Sowing Rate 35 - 50g/m² Overseeding 15 - 25g/m² Mowing Height down to 10mm

## PM51 Greenscape

#### Hard wearing lawns (with ryegrass)

- Highly adaptable mixture that establishes rapidly
- Forms hard wearing, fine leaved sward
- Ideal for general purpose landscaping and lawns

40%	<b>DOUBLE</b> 4Turf® Tetraploid Perennial Ryegrass
40%	MAXIMA Strong Creeping Red Fescue
20%	<b>ESQUIRE</b> Perennial Ryegrass
100%	Packed in 5kg, 10kg & 20kg bags Sowing Rate 35 - 50g/m <sup>2</sup> Overseeding 25 - 50g/m <sup>2</sup>

Mowing Height down to 13mm

### PM52 Greenfine

#### Fine lawns (without ryegrass)

- O Luxuriant fine turf with good colour
- Develops a very dense sward under close mowing
- Low maintenance compared to a Ryegrass based sward
- Extremely good for banks or inclines to bind and prevent erosion

10%	WAGNER NEW Chewings Fescue
20%	SAMANTA Slender Creeping Red Fescue
70%	MAXIMA Strong Creeping Red Fescue
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Sowing Rate 35 - 50g/m <sup>2</sup> Overseeding 25 - 50g/m <sup>2</sup> Mowing Height down to 13mm

### PM60 Greenshade

#### Shaded conditions (without ryegrass)

- O Produces a fine, dense, shade tolerant turf
- Will tolerate mowing down to 25mm
- Mowing down to 50mm will allow the sward to remain thick and avoid stress

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**FRONT** 

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MIX

10%	SABRENE 1 Rough Stalked Meadow Grass
30%	WAGNER NEW Chewings Fescue
20%	SAMANTA Slender Creeping Red Fescue
40%	SERGEI Strong Creeping Red Fescue
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Sowing Rate: 35 - 50g/m² Overseeding: 25 - 50g/m² Mowing Height down to 25mm

### **PM70 Recreation**

# Sports fields, tees and fairways and hard wearing landscape turf

- Establishes rapidly and is a hardwearing, high quality and durable turf
- Fine leaved sward of excellent appearance
- Shade tolerant and thrives under low maintenance management
- O High levels of disease resistance

10%	TETRAGAME NEW 4Turf® Tetraploid Perennial Ryegrass
25%	<b>DOUBLE</b> 4Turf® Tetraploid Perennial Ryegrass
10%	<b>CLAUDINE</b> Perennial Ryegrass
25%	PONDEROSA NEW Perennial Ryegrass
30%	SERGEI Strong Creeping Red Fescue
100%	Packed and supplied in 20kg bags Sowing Rate 35 - 50/m <sup>2</sup> Overseeding 25 - 50g/m <sup>2</sup> Mowing Height down to 12mm



More mixtures available in our Masterline brochure

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LAWN

# Wild Flower Solutions

# Pro Flora 110 Economy General Purpose Plus Annuals

# Economical Grass and Wild Flower mixture

- Contains a wide range of wild flowers
- Creates an economical, floristically diverse sward
- Attractive ornamental grasses
- Tolerant of wet soils

	5%	WILD FLOWERS Birdsfoot Trefoil, Black Knapweed, Black Medick, Common Vetch, Corn Cockle, Corn Marigold, Corn Poppy, Meadow Buttercup, Musk Mallow, Ox-eye Daisy, Ribwort Plantain, Red Campion, Self Heal, Corn Flower, White Campion and Yarrow
	95%	ORNAMENTAL GRASSES Browntop Bent, Red Fescue, Crested Dogstail, Chewings Fescue, Hard Fescue, Smooth Stalked Meadow Grass and Strong Creeping Red Fescue
	100%	Packed and supplied in 1kg bags Seed Rate 5 - 8g/m <sup>2</sup> Flower Height: 5cm - 1.2m

## Pro Flora 10 General Purpose Plus Annuals

90% Ornamental Grass;
10% Wild Flowers, including
Cornfield Annuals.
Replicates a traditional
Country Meadow

- Contains a wide range of wild flowers
- Creates a colourful sward attractive to insects
- Attractive ornamental grasses
- Tolerates extensive grazing by animals

10%	WILD FLOWERS Birdsfoot Trefoil, Black Knapweed, Black Medick, Common Vetch, Corn Cockle, Corn Marigold, Corn Poppy, Meadow Buttercup, Musk Mallow, Ox-eye Daisy, Ribwort Plantain, Red Campion, Self Heal, Corn Flower, White Campion and Yarrow
90%	ORNAMENTAL GRASSES Browntop Bent, Red Fescue, Crested Dogstail, Chewings Fescue, Hard Fescue, Smooth Stalked Meadow Grass
100%	Packed and supplied in 1kg bags Seed Rate 5 - 8g/m <sup>2</sup> Flower Height: 5cm - 1m





# Pro Flora 8 Legacy Country Meadow

#### 20% Wild Flowers 80% Ornamental Grass

- Contains a wide range of UK native wild flowers
- Creates an impressive, floristically diverse sward
- Attractive ornamental grasses
- Tolerant of low fertility sites

100%	Smooth Stalked Meadow Grass  Packed and supplied in 1kg bags Seed Rate 5g/m² Flower Height: 5cm - 1m
80%	ORNAMENTAL GRASSES Browntop Bent, Rescue, Crested Dogstail, Chewings Fescue, Hard Fescue,
20%	WILD FLOWERS Birdsfoot Trefoil, Black Knapweed, Black Medick, Meadow Buttercup, Musk Mallow, Ox-Eye Daisy, Ribwort Plantain, Red Campion, Salad Burnet, Self Heal, White Campion, Yarrow

## **100%** Cornfield Annuals

#### Visually impressive Cornfield Annuals mixture

- This is a blend of wild flowers which traditionally occurred in cornfields before the widespread use of herbicides
- This is an excellent mixture for fast visual impact

45%	CORN COCKLE	
25%	CORN FLOWER	M
15%	CORN POPPY	
10%	CORN MARIGOLD	A SEC.
5%	CORN CHAMOMILE	
100%	Packed and supplied in 1kg bags Seed Rate 1g/m <sup>2</sup> Flower Height: 5cm - 1.2m	

Occasionally, shortages of some varieties may occur throughout the season. We therefore reserve the right to replace varieties not available with a suitable alternative. Any alteration to the mixture will be clearly shown on the bag label.

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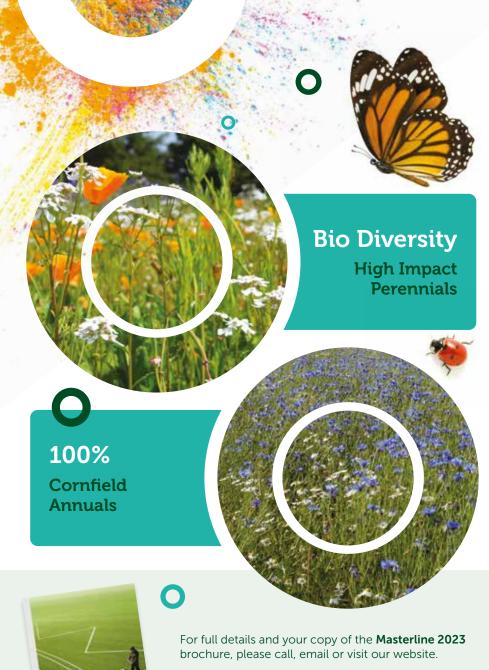
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