

Conservation & Gamecover Crops &

INTRODUCTION HABITATS FOR WILDLIFE



As a major international plant breeding company, Limagrain can utilise its breeding programmes to evaluate and commercialise seed products suitable for conservation.

Our maize breeding programme ensures that HiBird maize blends continue to include the very best varieties. They are always tested in the UK for yield, early vigour and standing ability and it's only when a variety has proven itself, that it will be included in the HiBird mixtures.

You will find many of the products that appear in this brochure are bred by Limagrain. There are ongoing breeding programmes currently developing new varieties of the following species:

- Kale
- Rape kale hybrids
- Maize
- Sunflowers
- Cereals
- Oilseeds

Introduction

The new Environmental Land
Management (ELM) scheme continues
to be rolled out, but at the time of print,
we are still awaiting final confirmation
and details. The current dates are listed
below for information:

- The Sustainable Farming Incentive = launched 2022
- The Local Nature Recovery Scheme
 full roll out 2024
- The Landscape Recovery Scheme
 = full roll out 2024

Ahead of the full roll out, the best way for most farmers to get involved in delivering environmental outcomes is to enter the Sustainable Farming Incentive or Countryside Stewardship Scheme. This will help to provide a smooth way for people to transition from these schemes into environmental land management schemes, from 2024 onwards.

We have included a section in this brochure about the Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) which will allow you to choose seed products that will help improve soil health and meet the scheme rules.

We will continue to monitor how the new scheme rules develop but, in the meantime, we look forward to providing you with high quality seeds for the benefit of wildlife and your farm.

The HiBird team



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COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP



Countryside Stewardship

The UK Government will continue to offer Countryside Stewardship agreements in 2023.

Countryside Stewardship will eventually be replaced with the new Environmental Land Management (ELM) scheme. This will follow trialling and testing and a national pilot involving farmers and land managers during the next few years. The full ELM scheme should be in place from 2024. Signing up to a Countryside Stewardship agreement will put you in a great position to join ELM. Joining an environmental scheme will give you a viable, long-term source of income for providing environmental benefits just as the Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) payments start to reduce.

- Higher Tier is for land that requires more complex management tailored to the individual sites
- Mid Tier provides a range of options and capital items that together help to deliver a broad range of environmental benefits. Within the Mid Tier you can choose from:
- Wild Pollinator and Farm Wildlife Package

This package groups management options together. This will help you to provide farmland wildlife with the essential resources they need to thrive and breed successfully. WPFWP includes packages for arable, pastoral, and mixed farms.

• The Wildlife Offers provide a simpler set of options to help improve the wildlife on your farm by improving habitats for pollinators, farmland birds and other wildlife.

Scotland

The Agri-Environment Climate Scheme promotes land management practices which protect and enhance Scotland's natural heritage, improve water quality and manage flood risk. The Agri-Environment Climate Scheme has been extended and will have an annual application round until 2024.

The scheme includes a wide range of options for arable farmers:

- Unharvested conservation headlands
- Wild bird seed for farmland birds
- Forage brassica crops for farmland birds
- Stubbles followed by green manure
- Retention of winter stubbles
- Beetlebanks
- Grass strips in arable fields

Further details can be found on the Scottish rural payment's website www.ruralpayments.org

Wales

Glastir is a 5-year whole farm sustainable land management scheme available to farmers and land managers across Wales. The scheme is split into 3 sections, Entry, Advanced and Commons and its aims are:

- Reducing carbon and greenhouse gas emissions
- Adapting to climate change and building greater resilience into farm businesses
- Managing our water resources to improve water quality and reduce flood risks
- Contributing to economic sustainability of farms, and the wider rural community
- Protecting the landscape and the historic environment while improving access
- Contributing towards a reversal in the decline of Wales' native biodiversity

The scheme includes a wide range of options including:

- Retaining winter stubbles
- Establishing an unsprayed root crop
- Establish a wildlife cover crop
- Unharvested cereal headland



The wildlife offers

Four Countryside Stewardship Scheme offers have been introduced for farmers and land managers.

Significant improvements have been made to the scheme to make it simpler and easier for farmers and land managers to apply.

The four new offers are:

- Arable
 - Upland
- Lowland Grazing
 Mixed Farming

The Mixed Farming option will provide tailored options covering the full range of different farm types, so farmers and land managers can deliver environmental benefits

no matter where they are or what they farm.

The paperwork for the new offers is quicker and easier to get through. This is down to more streamlined evidence checks and shorter application forms, designed to help farmers save valuable time. The scheme is also non-competitive, meaning that all farmers who meet the eligibility requirements can get an agreement to deliver a minimum of 3 options, depending on the offer you

Further details are available,

visit www.gov.uk/countrysidestewardship

Championing the Farmed Environment (CFE) is encouraging farmers and land managers across England to protect and enhance the environmental value of farmland by taking up voluntary measures. CFE will help you choose the best measure, select the right site and manage the area to maximise the environmental value. You can learn more about the campaign by visiting their website www.cfeonline.org.uk



COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP OPTIONS COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP OPTIONS

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AB1	Nectar flower mix	Boost essential food sources for pollinators	1	1	✓														
AB3	Beetle banks	Provides nesting & foraging habitats	1	1						1									
AB8	Flower rich margins & plots	Provides important habitat & foraging area	1	1		1													
AB9	Winter bird food	Food for farmland birds	1	1							1	1		1	1	1			
AB13	Brassica fodder crop	Site for seed eating birds in a pastoral area	1	1													✓		
AB15	Two year sown legume fallow	Food for pollinators & farmland birds	1	1			1												
AB16	Autumn sown bumblebird	Food source for birds & nectar feeding insects	1	1									1						
GS4	Legume & herb rich swards	Habitat for invertebrates	1	1				✓											
OP2	Wild bird seed mixture	Food source for farmland birds	1	1							1	1		✓	1	1			
OP4	Multi species ley	Habitat for farmland wildlife	✓	1				✓											
OP5	Undersown cereal	Habitat for farmland wildlife	✓	1				✓											
SW1	4-6m buffer strip on cultivated land	New habitat and protecting landscapes	✓	1					✓										
SW3	In field grass strips	Helps reduce pesticides transported through surface run-off	1	1					✓										
SW4	12-24m watercourse buffer strip	Helps reduce pesticides transported through surface run-off	1	1					✓										
SW5	Enhanced management of maize crops	Reduce soil erosion and surface run-off	1	1														✓	1
sw6	Winter cover crops	Reduce nitrate leaching	1	1														✓	1
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IMPORTANT NOTE:

Whilst we have taken every care in the preparation of this guide, it is not a substitute for reading the official rules and regulations associated with the various schemes currently in operation. It is vitally important that you keep fully up-to-date with the latest regulations in force at the time you make your seed purchasing decisions. This information can normally be obtained from various websites or via direct contact with the appropriate government offices in your locality.

CROPS TO FEED BIRDS CROPS TO FEED BIRDS



Seed Mixtures for Specific Farmland Birds

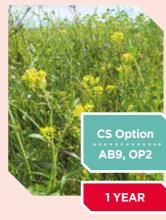
Limagrain has been working with a variety of different agencies to produce a range of seed mixtures specifically to feed some of the UK's favourite birds.

Linnet

- Produces an abundance of small seeds
- Also suitable for tree sparrows and grey partridges

Contains: kale, oilseed rape, red millet, white millet, linseed, mustard and fodder radish

Supplied in 20 kilo 0.5 hectare units



Alsike clover

Linseed

Phacelia

The mixture options have been researched and blended with plant species we know are favoured by specific bird species.

Bunting

- Cereal based mixture
- Seed use from September to February
- Also suitable for tree sparrow, yellow hammer and skylarks

Contains: Triticale, spring wheat, spring barley, quinoa, red millet, white millet and fodder radish

Supplied in 20 kilo 0.5 hectare units



Bumblebird Mixture

- Abundant supply of small seeds during the winter
- Ideal for tree sparrows and corn buntings
- Pollen and nectar source from early to late summer
- Formulated to attract bumblebees, solitary bees, butterflies and hoverflies
- Autumn sown, establish before 7th September

Mixture Formulation

- Winter Triticale
- Birdsfoot trefoil Winter wheat Red clover
- Fodder radish
- Crimson clover
- Common vetch
- Supplied in 25 kilo 0.5 hectare units

SELECT CROP?

Autumn sown crop for both farmland birds and nectar feeding insects

Kale



Jack Russell

- Fantastic feed source for one year
- Herbicide tolerant
- Inclusion of dwarf sorghum gives structure and winter hardiness
- Seed shed from early Autumn
- Derogation is required before spraying

Mixture Formulation

- Spring Triticale Dwarf sorghum
- Millet blend Dwarf sunflower
- Fodder radish Linseed

Supplied in 20 kilo 0.5 hectare units

WHY **SELECT** THIS CROP?

A herbicide tolerant mixture with fantastic colour



Bird Feeder

- A combination of small seed-bearing crops
- Excellent feed potential
- Wide range of use from wild birds
- Good spread of seed shedding dates
- The ultimate bird feeder!
- Spring sown with 2 year potential

Mixture Formulation

- Kale
 - Linseed Mustard
- Dwarf sunflower Fodder radish Millet blend

Supplied in 12.5 kilo 0.5 hectare units

WHY **SELECT** THIS CROP?

Ideal mixture to provide a succession of food for farmland birds



2 WBF (2 Year Winter Bird Food)

- A combination of small seed-bearing crops
- Succession of feed sources
- Triticale and guinoa provide excellent feed for both wild birds and reared game
- Ideally sown on field margins and headlands
- Spring sown with 2 year potential

Mixture Formulation

- Spring Triticale
 Forage rape
- Quinoa Kale
- Fodder radish

Linseed

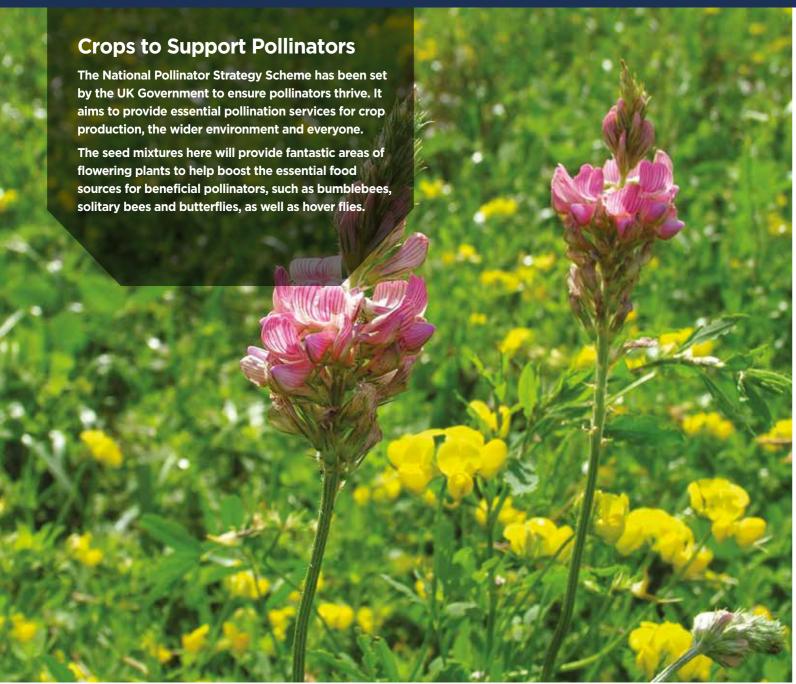
Supplied in 20 kilo 0.5 hectare units

WHY **SELECT** THIS CROP?

A great mixture to provide a succession of food for 2 years



CROPS FOR POLLINATORS CROPS FOR POLLINATORS



Multispecies Ley

- Ideal for grassland creation
- A carefully blended mixture containing 40% grasses, 60% legumes and herbs
- Ideal for creating legumes and herb-rich swards
- This mixture is also available with 75% grasses, 25% legumes and herbs

Mixture Formulation

Grasses

- Meadow fescue
- Tall fescue White clover
- Timothy
- Alsike clover • Perennial ryegrass • Birdsfoot trefoil
- Festulolium

Legumes Herbs/Wildflowers Red clover

- Sainfoin
- Chicory
- Ribgrass
- Yarrow
- Burnet

Supplied in 25 kilo 1 hectare units



- Ideal for field margins and buffers
- The mixture contains a blend of 80% grasses and 20% native wildflowers
- Once established it will be a perfect habitat for bees and butterflies
- The area can be mown in the first year to help tillering

Mixture Formulation

Grasses

- Browntop bent
- Chewings fescue
- Crested dogstail
- Sheeps fescue
- Slender creeping Kidney vetch
- red fescue Smooth stalked
- meadow grass
- Strong creeping red fescue

Wildflowers

- Agrimony Birdsfoot trefoil
- Knapweed
- Black medick
- Oxeye daisy
- Ladys bedstraw
- Salad burnet Wild carrot
- Yarrow
- Red clover
- Ribwort plantain
- Sainfoin
- St Johns wort
- White campion

Supplied in 10 kilo 0.5 hectare units

Legume 2

- Two year sown legume fallow
- Provides food for farmland wildlife, such as pollinators
- If used in the rotation, it will help reduce blackgrass flowering and contaminating arable rotations
- Flowers between early and late summer

Mixture Formulation

This mixture can also be supplied with perennial ryegrass to help smother competitive weeds

Supplied in 10 kilo 0.5 hectare units



CS Option

S4, OP4, OP

CS Option

AB15

Bee Mixture

- A blend created to attract and maintain bumblebee populations
- Phacelia acts as a prolific flowering nurse crop whilst the red clover and sainfoin establish
- The phacelia will produce a fantastic display of purple flowers that bees will love
- You will be able to hear the mixture buzz!

Mixture Formulation

- Phacelia
- Vetch Oxeye daisy
- Birdsfoot trefoil
- Wild carrot Sainfoin
- Alsike clover
- Red clover

Supplied in 7.5 kilo 0.5 hectare units





Basic Habitat

- Ideally suited for either 2, 4 or 6 metre buffer strips
- Contains grasses that are the food plants of several butterflies and insects
- Once established, the mixture can help protect habitats from sprays and fertiliser applications
- Sow in spring or autumn

Mixture Formulation

- Chewings fescue
- Bent grass
- Smooth stalked meadow grass
- Timothy
- Tall fescue
- Meadow fescue
- Red fescue

Supplied in 10 kilo 0.5 hectare units



Beetle Bank

- Ideal for the creation of 2 metre tussocky grass ridges
- Beetle banks should run from one side of an arable field to the other for maximum benefits
- You may need to cut the grass several times during the first summer to aid establishment
- Provides a good, green corridor for animal movement

Mixture Formulation

- Chewings fescue
- Timothy
- Sheeps fescue
- Cocksfoot
- Meadow fescue
- Smooth stalked meadow grass

Supplied in 10 kilo 0.5 hectare units



MARGIN & BUFFER STRIP SOWING CALCULATOR

HOW MUCH SEED WILL I NEED?									
PRODUCT	PACK SIZE	SOWING RATE PER HECTARE	LENGTH OF FIELD MARGIN ONE UNIT WILL SOW						
			2m	4m	6m				
Basic Habitat	10 kilos	20 kilos	2500m	1250m	833m				
Beetle Bank	10 kilos	20 kilos	2500m	1250m	833m				

Flowering grasses can produce a range of food for butterflies. It is often thought that food is only provided by flowers, but the chart below shows which grass species provide food for different UK butterflies

BUTTERFLY FOOD CHART

PLANT	BUTTERFLY									
SPECIES	GATEKEEPER	MEADOW BROWN	COMMON BLUE	SKIPPERS	RINGLET	SMALL HEALTH	GRAYLING	MABLE WHITE		
Agrostis spp	36	28				26				
Birdsfoot trefoil			26	28						
Cocksfoot		28		26	26					
Meadow grass	36	28			26	26				
Sheeps fescue							26	26		
Timothy				28						
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Arable and Horticultural Soils Standard

The Arable and Horticultural Soils Standard has different levels of payment; **Introductory** and **Immediate**, with agreements lasting three years.

You are required to complete a soil management plan, test the soil for organic matter and to produce a well-established winter cover across at least 70% of land entered into the standard each year.

You can choose a seeds mixture that works well on your farm.

Well established is defined as green cover that has enough vegetation that is sufficiently grown to protect the soil from the start of December.

You must keep the green cover until the end of February, after which you can destroy the cover.



Introductory Level

Sown green cover - this could include autumn sown crops: winter cereals, linseed, winter oilseed rape, weedy stubbles or a quick growing cover crop, providing they produce sufficient soil cover.

SUITABLE QUICK GROWING COVER CROPS:

Forage Rye - Humbolt

Fast growing forage rye type, ideal for producing dense cover and soil coverage.
Humbolt can lift and hold N until the crop is incorporated.

Sow at 175 kilos per ha

Lift N Fix

A combination of Humbolt forage rye and vetch. Fast establishment with the added value of N fixing vetch legume. **Sow at 70-80 kilos per ha**



Intermediate Level

You are required to complete a soil management plan, test the soil for organic matter and to establish a multispecies green cover which consists of a mixture of at least 2 species from one or more plant families below;

- Brassica Grass or cereal
- Legume Herbs

At this level you must have a well-established green cover on at least 50% of the land entered into this level of the standard and multispecies cover crops on at least an additional 20% of the land entered into this level of the standard.

Remember that the more species you use, the greater benefit for the soil.

SUITABLE MULTISPECIES SEEDS MIXTURES

Lift N Fix

A combination of Humbolt forage rye and vetch. Fast establishment with the added value of N fixing vetch legume.

Sow at 70-80 kilos per ha



Green Reward

A mixture of Humbolt rye, black oats, radish, mustard and phacelia. Multispecies blend for maximum organic matter production.

Sow at 50 kilos per ha

Soil Improver

A combination of winter oats, radish, phacelia and mustard. Cereal based with deep rooting radish and mustard varieties.

Sow at 50 kilos per ha





Improved Grassland Soil Standard

The aim of this scheme is to minimise bare soil over the winter, by establishing an early reseed which will also help prevent livestock poaching and avoid bare patches around gateways and feeding troughs.

You must complete a soil improvement plan, test the soil organic matter, minimise bare ground and establish and maintain herbal leys.

Herbal seed mixtures should contain the following:

- 5 species grass
- 3 species legumes
- 5 species herbs

SUITABLE HERBAL SEEDS MIXTURE:

Multispecies Ley

Designed to provide soil cover with productive grazing and cutting. This mixture contains a proven blend of grasses, legumes and herbs.

Sow at 25 kilos per ha



WILDFLOWERS WILDFLOWERS



early years of establishment and growth. The grasses help suppress weed invasion. whilst allowing the wildflowers to flourish.

All our Wildflower mixtures contain 80% grasses and

80% Grasses

Browntop bent Agrostis capillaris Chewings fescue Festuca rubra commutata Crested dogstail Cynosurus cristatus Sheep's fescue Festuca ovina Slender creeping red fescue Festuca rubra litoralis Smooth stalked meadow grass Poa pratensis

Strong creeping red fescue Festuca rubra rubra

Wildflower **Management Guidelines**

Select a weed-free site of low fertility. Fertiliser should not be used, since broad-leaved and grass weeds, together with cultivated grasses contained in standard mixtures, can be highly competitive on fertile soils. This can adversely affect seed germination, establishment and subsequent growth. However, increased grass cutting can help to counteract over-competitive growth.

Control weeds before sowing. Annual weeds may be hoed, buried or killed with a contact herbicide. Perennial weeds should be eradicated by a translocated glyphosate-based herbicide. Sow mixtures either from early March to early May, or from early August to mid-September. This will ensure optimum establishment of most species.

Cultivate the ground to provide a fine, weed-free seed bed. Firm if necessary. Take care to sow evenly, at the recommended rate. Thoroughly mixing one part seed with four parts dry sand makes it more easily distributed. Rake the seed in lightly with a spring-tined rake and firm the soil by treading or, preferably, rolling. This ensures that the seed comes into contact with moisture in the soil.

Water with a fine spray. This will avoid disturbing the surface of the soil. Keep the area well-watered and free from any unwanted plants.

Cut the sward every six to eight weeks during the first year after sowing and remove the cuttings. This will prevent the grass from over growing the slower growing wildflowers.

In the following years, cut in early spring, before growth starts, and in October, after all wildflower seeds have been shed. Remove the cuttings.

Wildflower Sowing Guide

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Sowing possible

Optimum sowing window



LG 1 Woodland and Heavy Shade

- A carefully selected mixture suitable for shaded areas and woodlands
- Sowing rate 3-5g/m²
- Betony Stachys officinalis Bluebell
- Digitalis purpurea
- Pack size 1 kilo

Hyacinthoides non-scripta Foxglove

Garlic Mustard Alliaria petiolata

Hedge Bedstraw Galium mollugo

Hedge Woundwort Stachys sylvatica

Nettle-Leaved Bellflower Campanula trachelium

Red Campion Silene dioica

Self Heal Prunella vulgaris

Wild Angelica Angelica sylvestris

Wood Avens Geum urbanum

Wood Sage Teucrium scorodonia



LG 2 Wetland and Water Meadow

Betony

Stachys officinalis

Lotus uliginosus

Centaurea nigra

Ranunculus acris

Greater Birdsfoot Trefoil

Common Knapweed

Meadow Buttercup

- Suitable for damp, moist and wet soils including saturated banks of ponds, streams, rivers and ditches
- Sowing rate 3-5g/m²
- Pack size 1 kilo



Filipendula ulmaria

Oxeye Daisy Leucanthemum vulgare **Purple Loosestrife** Lythrum salicaria

Ragged Robin Lychnis flos-cuculi

Red Campion Silene dioica

Self Heal Prunella vulgaris

Sneezewort Achillea ptarmica

Water Avens Geum rivale



LG 3 Limestone Mix

- On soils overlying limestone or chalk. particular types of flowers can be found, and these are contained in this carefully selected blend of species
- Sowing rate 3-5g/m²
- Pack size 1 kilo



Medicago lupulina Common **Birdsfoot Trefoil** Lotus corniculatus Knapweed Centaurea nigra Cowslip Primula veris

Agrimony

Stachys officinalis

Black Medick

Betony

Dandelion Agrimonia eupatoria Taraxacum officinale **Field Scabious** Knautia arvensis **Greater Knapweed** Centaurea scabiosa **Hoary Plantain** Plantago media **Kidney Vetch** Anthyllis vulneraria Oxeve Daisv Leucanthemum vulgare

Salad Burnet Sanguisorba minor Self Heal Prunella vulgaris Wild Basil Clinopodium vulgare Wild Carrot Daucus carota **Wild Mignonette** Reseda lutea Yarrow Achillea millefolium **Yellow Rattle**

Rhinanthus minor



LG 4 Clay and Heavy Soils

- This mixture can be sown on all clay soils and uses species typically found on this soil type
- Sowing rate 3-5g/m²
- Pack size 1 kilo
- **Birdsfoot Trefoil** Lotus corniculatus
- **Bulbous Buttercup** Ranunculus bulbosus

Common Vetch Vicia sativa

Knapweed Centaurea nigra

Lady's Bedstraw Galium verum

Lesser Trefoil Trifolium dubium Oxeye Daisy Leucanthemum vulgare

Salad Burnet Sanguisorba minor

Self Heal Prunella vulgaris

Teasel Dipsacus fullonum

Wild Carrot Daucus carota



LG 5 Acid Soils Mix

- The flowers selected in this mixture naturally occur on soils characterised by a low pH, which allows you to produce a flowery sward on a range of acid soils
- Sowing rate 3-5g/m²
- Pack size 1 kilo





Common **Birdsfoot Trefoil** Lotus corniculatus Common Knapweed Galium verum

Common Toadflax

Taraxacum officinale

Linaria vulgaris

Common Vetch

Vicia sativa

Dandelion

Centaurea nigra **Meadow Buttercup Common Sorrel** Ranunculus acris Rumex acetosella

Musk Mallow Malva moschata Oxeye Daisy

Leucanthemum vulgare St John's-Wort Hypericum perforatum

Devil's-Bit Scabious

Succisa pratensis

Lady's Bedstraw

Ragged Robin Lychnis flos-cuculi **Self Heal**

Prunella vulgaris White Campion Silene alba Wild Basil Clinopodium

vulgare Yellow Rattle Rhinanthus minor



LG 6 General Purpose/Loam Soils

- This mixture is suitable for establishing flowery grassland on all loam/alluvial type soils and can produce a rich, diverse sward
- Sowing rate 3-5g/m²
- Pack size 1 kilo





Betony

Stachys officinalis

Common Birdsfoot Trefoil Lotus corniculatus

Bulbous Buttercup Ranunculus bulbosus

Catsear Hypochaeris radicata Cowslip

Primula veris Common Knapweed

Centaurea nigra

Lady's Bedstraw

Galium verum

Oxeye Daisy Leucanthemum vulgare

Salad Burnet

Sanguisorba minor Self Heal

Prunella vulgaris

White Campion Silene latifolia



LG 7 Hedgerow and Semi Shade

- Suitable for field and woodland
- Sowing rate 3-5g/m²
- Pack size 1 kilo

Betony

Stachys officinalis

Common Knapweed Centaurea nigra

Garlic Mustard Alliaria petiolata

Hairy St John's-Wort Hypericum hirsutum

Hedge Bedstraw Galium mollugo

Hedge Woundwort Stachys sylvatica

Red Campion Silene dioica

Self Heal

Prunella vulgaris

Teasel

Dipsacus fullonum

Wood Avens Geum urbanum

Yarrow

Achillea millefolium



LG 8 Sandy/Dry Soils Mix

- On free draining sandy soils, we advise the use of this mixture to recreate a meadow typical for this soil type
- Sowing rate 3-5g/m²
- Pack size 1 kilo

Black Medick Medicago lupulina **Birdsfoot Trefoil** Lotus corniculatus Knapweed Centaurea nigra

Dandelion Taraxacum officinale Forget-Me-Not Mvosotis arvensis **Hoary Plantain** Plantago media

Kidney Vetch Anthyllis vulneraria Lady's Bedstraw Galium verum

Musk Mallow Malva moschata Oxeye Daisy

Leucanthemum vulgare **Perforate**

St John's-Wort Hypericum perforatum

Ribwort Plantain Plantago lanceolata Self Heal Prunella vulgaris **Viper's Bugloss** Echium vulgare **White Campion** Silene alba Wild Carrot Daucus carota Wild Mignonette Reseda luteola

Yarrow Achillea millefolium **Yellow Rattle** Rhinanthus minoi









MAIZE

Hibird maize blend

- Our best selling gamecover maize
- All varieties selected for good early vigour and standing ability
- A medium maturing variety
- FAO maturity class 180
- Different crop heights allow for easier bird access
- Robust, providing full season feed
- Laboratory tested for germination
- Seed is treated with Korit for bird protection

CROP HEIGHT 180-200cm

Packed in 50,000 seed units



Medium height ideal for most soils and situations



Straight game maize

- Medium/late variety
- Good standing ability for full season use
- Laboratory tested for germination
- Large cobs and enhanced feed value
- Seed is treated with Korit for bird protection

CROP HEIGHT 190-210 cm

Packed in 50,000 seed units



Large cobs provide additional feed value combined with excellent cover



Maize for Gamecover

Maize for gamecover can sometimes be troublesome, especially if you are following maize after maize in the rotation. Some other crop options to consider are:

- Jack Russell seeds mixture, see page 7 great season long cover, stomp aqua tolerant and eligible for CSS AB9 and OP2 options
- Brassica break from Maize, see page 25
 Cocker mixture
- Rats and badgers a problem?
 see page 19 (opposite) for medium height intermediate sorghum







Dwarf Shorty

- Ideal for driving and winter cover
- Can make excellent flushing points within maize
- Excellent replacement for kale
- Adds warmth to maize crops when sown adjacent
- Weed control possible
- Not suitable for Northern England or Scotland

CROP HEIGHT 90-100cm

Supplied in 12.5 kilo 0.5 hectare units

Intermediate DP2

- Ideal replacement for maize
- Makes excellent controlled driving cover
- Herbicide use possible
- Similar height to maize
- Best sown in June

CROP HEIGHT 120-150cm

Supplied in 12.5 kilo 0.5 hectare units

Giant Jumbo Star

- Tall, dense cover ideally used for a windbreak around maize
- Good vigour and fast growthLater drilled crops will have
- Later drilled crops will have reduced height potential
- Crops can screen guns allowing them to get in position without disturbing the birds

CROP HEIGHT 200-220cm

Supplied in 12.5 kilo 0.5 hectare units

WHY SELECT THIS CROP?

Low crop canopy provides warmth and security, making Shorty the ultimate driving crop WHY SELECT THIS CROP? If rats and badgers are a problem, Intermediate can provide a similar height to maize crops without the cob! WHY SELECT THIS CROP? Jumbo Star can be sown later than other sorghums, just watch it grow!

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KALE
BRASSICAS

CLUBROOT

TOLERANT

Caledonian

- The first kale bred with clubroot tolerance
- A taller kale allowing for easier bird access
- Winter hardy
- Excellent germination and vigour potential
- British bred, reliable and trusted
- Seed available with Start-uP® nutrient package
- Sow at 5 kilos per hectare

CROP HEIGHT 90-100cm

Supplied in 5 kilo 1 hectare units



Why run the risk of crop failure? Caledonian comes with clubroot tolerance

Keeper

- A shorter variety with excellent lodging resistance
- Excellent leaf canopy with a bare floor
- High leaf to stem ratio
- British bred and fully tested for germination and vigour to ensure maximum establishment
- Winter hardy
- Seed available with Start-uP® nutrient package
- Sow at 5 kilos per hectare

CROP HEIGHT 80-90cm

Supplied in 5 kilo 1 hectare units

WHY SELECT THIS CROP? A high leaf to stem ratio ensures maximum cover and protection for your birds



START-UP® SEED

START-UP ADVANCED SEED TREATMENT TO PROMOTE EARLY ROOT DEVELOPMENT

Start-uP® consists of a unique combination of soluble nutrients and bio-active compounds. It contains a highly mobile form of phosphorus known as phosphite – a molecule which can move through the major transport routes of the plant (the xylem and phloem) much faster than conventional phosphate fertiliser.

Combined with a naturally derived bio active complex to promote **rapid early root development and maintain overall plant health,** Start-uP® is able to provide a readily available source of **essential nutrients** and other beneficial compounds precisely when and where they are most needed by the plant.









Carbon (Kale x Mustard)

- Excellent cover produced in a short period of time
- Best sown in June or July
- Excellent cover by November
- Frost tolerant
- Ideal for new sowings or for patching existing areas
- Can be sown into cereal stubble
- Seed is treated with Start-uP® nutrient package
- Sow at 4 kilos per hectare

CROP HEIGHT 60-100cm

Supplied in 2 kilo 0.5 hectare units

Interval (Rape/Kale hybrid)

- Fantastic fast growing rape with kale parentage
- Excellent establishment and early vigour
- Ideal replacement for kale when sown in June or July
- Winter hardy, full season cover
- Can be used as a pioneer or rescue crop
- Seed available with Start-uP® nutrient package
- Sow at 5 kilos per hectare

CROP HEIGHT 50-100cm

Supplied in 5 kilo 1 hectare units

Skyfall (Bounce Back Brassica)

- Fast growing and leafy
- Late sown option for June to August
- Large leaves for extra cover
- Can be successfully grazed after use
- Can be sown into cereal stubble
 Seed is treated with Start-uP® nutrient package
- Sow at 5 kilos per hectare

CROP HEIGHT 30-40cm

Supplied in 2.5 kilo 0.5 hectare units

WHY SELECT THIS CROP?

Fantastic dry cover produced in a short period of time

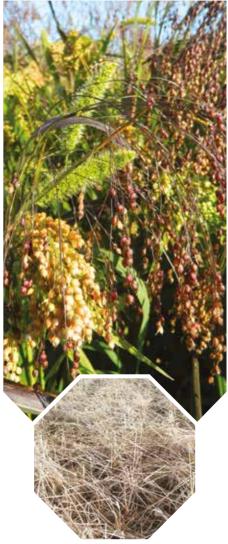
WHY SELECT THIS CROP? Crop failed or left it late? Interval is the ultimate fast growing cover provider WHY SELECT THIS CROP?

Late sown cover provider, ideal for partridges

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MILLETS
SUNFLOWERS







Magic Millet

- Dense reed millet
- Ideal for use alongside maize
- Windproof and warming
- Good flushing point
- Also contains red and white millet for feed value
- Winter hardy

CROP HEIGHT 100-120cm

Supplied in 10 kilo 1 hectare unit

Top Flush Millet

- A carefully blended mixture of red, panorama and white millets
- Mixture ensures a wider window of seed shed
- Feed value from September to December
- Provides an excellent feed block if sown adjacent to maize
- Can be cross drilled or broadcast in maize crops to add feed value and warmth

CROP HEIGHT 80-100cm

Supplied in 10 kilo 1 hectare units

Prosso White Millet

- This high yielding variety will provide huge seed yields
- Ideal for use with maize crops
- Can be used as a feeding block or flushing point
- Sow at 10-15 kilos per hectare

CROP HEIGHT 80-100cm

Supplied in 25 kilo 1 hectare units

We can also supply:

- Red Millet
- Tanka Millet Mix

Sunspot

• Large, attractive flowers

early October.

- Excellent seed production
- Good standing ability
- Used by finches and game birds

Sunflowers

meaning sun.

Sunflowers have travelled the world since their discovery in America, where native Americans domesticated and bred the plant. Spanish boats crossed the Atlantic Ocean and christened the plant

Helianthus annuus from the Greek "Helios"

Used initially as an ornamental plant until an

for extracting the oil from the seeds.

English inventor - Arthur Bunyan developed a method

Sunflowers sown in April or early May can grow quickly in warm weather; flowers begin to form in June and show colour by the end of July and August. Flowering lasts approximately 2-3 weeks and seed

use by farmland birds and game can begin in

• From Limagrain's plant breeding programme

CROP HEIGHT 130-150cm

Supplied in 12.5 kilo 1 hectare units



Excellent autumn feed source for game & farmland birds



WHY SELECT THIS CROP? Winter hardy millet for later use

WHY SELECT THIS CROP? Feeding birds can be expensive, why not grow your own feed and reduce your costs?

WHY SELECT THIS CROP? Huge seed yields will provide additional feed and prevent birds from roaming

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HERBICIDE TOLERANT MIXTURES GAMECOVER MIXTURES





Jack Russell

- Fantastic feed source for one year
- Herbicide tolerant
- Inclusion of dwarf sorghum gives structure and winter hardiness
- Seed shed from early autumn
- Derogation is required before spraying

CROP HEIGHT 150-200cm

Mixture Formulation

- Spring Triticale Dwarf sorghum
- Millet blendDwarf sunflower
- Fodder radish Linseed

Supplied in 20 kilo 0.5 hectare units

Golden Retriever

- Stomp Agua tolerant
- Excellent full season cover combined with seed shed potential
- Ideal driving cover for pheasants or partridges
- Winter holding potential
- Attractive to wild birds as well!

CROP HEIGHT 200-220cm

Mixture Formulation

- Dwarf sorghum
- Dwarf sunflowers
- Millet blend
- Fodder radish

Supplied in 12.5 kilo 0.5 hectare units

STOMP AQUA TOLERANT

Stomp Aqua is effective against:

- Grass weeds Pansy
- Speedwells
- Chickweed
- Knotgrass
- Shepherd's purse
- Dead nettle
- Nettle

BUTISAN 'S' **TOLERANT**





Cocker

- Butisan 'S' tolerant
- If weed control is your priority, this is the mixture for you!
- Full season cover for 2 years
- Derogation is required before spraying

CROP HEIGHT 80-90cm

Mixture Formulation

- Caledonian kale
- Mustard
- Fodder radish
- Linseed

Supplied in 8 kilo 0.5 hectare units

Butisan 'S' is effective against:

Shepherd's purse

Chickweed

Dead nettle

BUTISAN 'S' TOLERANT

Annual meadow grassGroundsel

Speedwells

Mayweed

Cranesbill

• Fully tried and tested

• Fantastic for insect use

Perfect winter holding cover

CROP HEIGHT 150-200cm

Mixture Formulation Mustard

Setter

onwards

range of species

- Dwarf sunflower
- Buckwheat Phacelia
- Linseed Reed millet
- Kale

White millet

Supplied in 12.5 kilo 0.5 hectare units

• Two year, full season cover and feed

• Excellent seed shed from September

Traditional mixture using a wide

WHY **SELECT** THIS CROP?

Setter will provide you with cover and feed throughout a two year period

Labrador

- Two year full season cover and feed
- Ideal for use in cooler, more exposed areas
- Triticale cereal helps prevent rabbit damage
- Brood rearing potential

CROP HEIGHT 100cm

Mixture Formulation

- Spring Triticale Linseed
- Mustard Quinoa
- Kale

Supplied in 20 kilo 0.5 hectare units

WHY **SELECT** THIS CROP?

Labrador will tolerate low pH and difficult soil types

AUTUMN SOWN OPTIONS PERENNIAL SOLUTIONS

Spaniel

- Summer sown drought tolerant cover mixture
- Can be broadcast into cereal stubble
- Useful for patching areas where drought or flea beetle damage has occurred
- Fodder radish retains its seeds late into the season
- More winter hardy than mustard

CROP HEIGHT 80-100cm

Mixture Formulation

- Carbon
- Interval rape/kale
- MustardFodder radish

Supplied in 5 kilo 0.5 hecctare units

WHY SELECT THIS CROP? If your crop has failed or established poorly, this fast growing recovery mixture can save the day!

Interval (Rape/Kale hybrid)

- Fantastic fast growing rape with kale parentage
- Excellent establishment and early vigour
- Ideal replacement for kale when sown in June or July
- Winter hardy, full season cover
- Can be used also as a pioneer or rescue crop

CROP HEIGHT 50-100cm

Supplied in 5 kilo 1 hectare units

WHY SELECT THIS CROP? Crop failed or left it late? Interval is the ultimate fast growing cover provider

Carbon (Kale x Mustard)

- Excellent cover produced in a short period of time
- Best sown in June or July
- Excellent cover by November
- Frost tolerant
- Ideal for new sowings or for patching existing areas
- Can be sown into cereal stubble
- Seed is treated with Start-uP® nutrient package

CROP HEIGHT 60-100cm

Supplied in 2 kilo 0.5 hecctare units

WHY SELECT THIS CROP?

Fantastic dry cover produced in a short time







Canary Grass (Phalaris Aquatica)

- Perennial cover
- Will grow on poor soils and exposed areas
- Second year growth can reach 2 metres
- It takes two years to become fully established
- Driving or nesting cover

CROP HEIGHT 50-60cm (first year) **150cm** (subsequent years)

Supplied in 3 kilo 0.5 hectare units

WHY SELECT THIS CROP? Perennial habitat lasting 3 - 4 years



Reed Canary Grass (Phalaris Arundinacea)

- Tall perennial cover
- Driving and nesting cover potential
- A UK native species
- Can be sown on difficult soil types
- Produces stolons and creeps
- Sow in 30" wide rows

CROP HEIGHT 50-60cm (first year) **150cm** (subsequent years)

Supplied in 3 kilo 0.5 hectare units

WHY SELECT THIS CROP?

Wood or hedgeside perennial cover



Chicory

- Perennial chicory
- Spring sown
- Excellent driving cover in second year
- Deep rooted
- Drought tolerant
- Best mixed with other species in first year

CROP HEIGHT 30-40cm (first year)
150-200cm (subsequent years)

Supplied in 3 kilo 0.5 hectare units



Tall, spectacular cover



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OTHER USEFUL CROPS OTHER USEFUL CROPS



Sandoval Quinoa

- Capable of shedding up to 2 tonnes per hectare
- Sheds high protein seed which will help reduce feed bills
- Seeds are highly sought by pheasants, partridges and farmland birds
- Ideal for use with companion crops such as Bombardier kale or Interval rape/kale hybrid CROP HEIGHT 90-100 cm

CROP HEIGHT 80-150cm

Supplied in 5 kilo 0.5 hectare units



Brown Mustard

- Fast growing
- Excellent biomass production
- Grows taller than white mustard
- Ability to help suppress certain soil borne nematodes

Sow at 10 kilos per hectare



Fodder Radish

- Very fast growth
- Good weed suppressant
- Seeds are used by wild birds late into winter
- Can be used for biomass green manure
- Sown at 20 kilos per hectare

CROP HEIGHT 60-80cm

Supplied in 5 kilo or 20 kilo units



Phacelia

- Extremely fast growing catch crop
- Brilliant pretty blue flowers attract huge numbers of insects
- Pollen and nectar provider
- Competes well with weeds
- Care should be taken in following crops, as phacelia can reseed itself readily

CROP HEIGHT 30-60cm

Supplied in 5 kilo 0.5 hectare units



Texcel Greens

- Summer sown cover crop
- Better winter hardiness than white mustard
- Ideal for use on areas where spring sown cover has failed
- Sown at 5 kilos per hectare

CROP HEIGHT 40-70cm

Supplied in 1 kilo units



Buckwheat

- Thick, bushy seed producing plant
- Seed shed occurs in early autumn
- Very fast establishment with some weed smothering properties
- Can be used adjacent to flight ponds to attract ducks and geese
- Can be sown in woodland glades
- Sown at 50 kilos per hectare

CROP HEIGHT 70-120cm

Supplied in 10 kilo or 25 kilo units



Linseed

- Very fast establishment
- Tolerates a wide range of soil types
- Broken canopy is very attractive to partridges
- Autumn seed shed produces a palatable feed
- Sown at 60 kilos per hectare

CROP HEIGHT 60-70cm

Supplied in 25 kilo units



Sweet Clover

- A nectar producing biennial clover
- Thrives on neutral and calcareous soils
- Ability to fix "free nitrogen"
- Second year growth can reach 1-2 metres in height
- Best sown in conjunction with kale or canary grass

CROP HEIGHT 85-150cm

Supplied in 5 kilo 0.5 hectare units



Mustard

- Fast establishment and drought
- Ideal summer sown catch crop
- Broadcast or drill into cereal stubble
- Resilient to rabbit damage because of its rapid establishment
- Drill at 20 kilos per hectare

CROP HEIGHT 30-100cm

Supplied in 10 kilo or 20 kilo units



Spring Triticale

- The best cereal crop for gamecover situations A very fast-growing cover provider
- Spring sown
- Increased seed head emergence and feed value
- Will tolerate poorer soils with low pH levels
- Resilient to rabbit damage
- Seed heads should remain late into the winter months
- Sow at 125 kilos per hectare

CROP HEIGHT 90-100cm Supplied in 25 kilo units



Stubble Turnip

- Ready to utilise in 12 weeks from sowing
- Tankard shaped varieties like Samson grow out of the ground and therefore hold their leaves higher for improved canopy
- Ideal for sowing in the summer and autumn (less weed pressure)
- Can be grazed by sheep afterwards

CROP HEIGHT 80-100cm

Supplied in 5 kilos 1 hectare units



Estate Grass Mixture

- Ideal for producing release pen areas
- Amenity grasses produce a good dense floor
- Hardwearing
- Ideal for birds to dry off and feed
- Can be left uncut to produce taller cover
- Estate can grow in shaded areas

Mixture Formulation

- Amenity perennial ryegrass
- Creeping red fescue

Supplied in 20 kilo units

SELECT THIS CROP?

Great for professional release pen areas



Beetle Bank

- Ideal for the creation of 2 metre tussocky grass ridges
- Beetle banks should run from one side of an arable field to the other for maximum benefits
- You may need to cut the grass several times during the first summer to aid establishment
- Good green corridor for animal movement

Mixture Formulation

- Chewings fescue Timothy
- Sheeps fescue Smooth Cocksfoot
- Meadow fescue

stalked

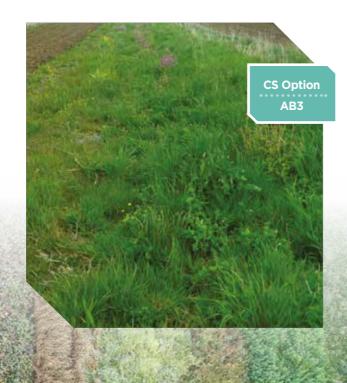
grass

meadow

Supplied in 10 kilo 0.5 hectare units

WHY **SELECT** THIS CROP?

Great habitat for insects and small mammals



Festival

- Tall growing mixture, 1m 1.5m, ideal for adding a splash of colour to any dull area
- Contains new varieties, such as Sunbow Zinnia, which provides several waves of flowers over a longer time period
- Good ground cover and a source of insects and wildlife
- Appropriate mixture for dry land

Floral Arrangement:

Annuals, 5 flowers

Sowing: April - May, 2g/m²

Germination: 8-10 days in the correct conditions Flowering: Mid-June to mid-November







Aurora

- Medium height mixture, around half a metre tall
- New varieties; Sunbow Zinnia and Trianon Cosmos provide more effective and long-lasting flowering
- Ideal for soil with more organic material and nutritive mineral elements

Floral Arrangement:

Annuals, 5 flowers

Sowing: April - May, 2g/m²

Germination: 8-10 days in the correct conditions Flowering: from mid-June to early November







Honey Bee

- Tall growing mixture, around 1m to 1.5m
- Composed of flowering plants for landscaping which will attract insects
- Perfect mix for attracting pollinating insects, and honey bees. You'll create a real buzz
- Yellow Cosmos, Godetia and Black Eyed Susan are included in the mixture

Floral Arrangement:

Annuals, 11 flowers

Sowing: April - June 2g/m²

Germination: 8-10 days in the correct conditions

Flowering: Mid-June to mid-October





SOWING & COVER GUIDE

USE	PRODUCT	PACK SIZE	SOWING RATE (per hectare)	SOWING DATE	CROP DURATION (years)								
	ENVIRONMENTAL SEED MIXTURES												
Pollinators	Flower Rich Margin	10 kg 0.5 ha	20 kg	April-Sept	5								
Pollinators	Bee Mixture	7.5kg 0.5 ha	12 kg	April-Sept	5								
Pollinators	Legume 2	10 kg 0.5 ha	20 kg	April-Aug	5								
Pollinators	Multispecies Ley	25 kg 1 ha	25 kg	April-Aug	5								
Grass Margin	Basic Habitat	10 kg 0.5 ha	20 kg	April-Sept	5								
Grass Margin	Beetle Bank	10 kg 0.5 ha	20 kg	April-Sept	5								
Wild Bird Seed Mix	2 WBF	20 kg 0.5 ha	40 kg	April-June	2								
Wild Bird Seed Mix	Bumblebird	15 kg 0.5 ha	30 kg	June-Sept	2								
Wild Bird Seed Mix	Bird Feeder	12.5 kg 0.5 ha	25 kg	April-June	2								
Wild Bird Seed Mix	Jack Russell	20 kg 0.5 ha	40 kg	April-June	1								
Wild Bird Seed Mix	Linnet	20 kg 0.5 ha	40 kg	April-June	1								
Wild Bird Seed Mix	Bunting	20 kg 0.5 ha	40 kg	April-June	1								
	GAMEC	OVER AND CONSER	VATION MIXTURES										
Winter Holding	Setter	12.5 kg 0.5 ha	25 kg	April-June	2								
Winter Holding	Labrador	20 kg 0.5 ha	40 kg	April-June	2								
Driving Cover	Cocker	8 kg 0.5 ha	16 kg	April-June	2								
Driving Cover	Golden Retriever	12.5 kg 0.5 ha	25 kg	May-June	1								
	GAME	COVER AND CONSE	RVATION CROPS										
Driving Cover	Maize	50,000 seeds 0.5 ha	100,000 seeds	April-June	1								
Driving Cover	Sorghum	12.5 kg 0.5 ha	25 kg	May-June	1								
Driving Cover	Kale	5 kg 1 ha	5 kg	April-June	2								
Seed Provider	Top Flush Millet	10 kg 1 ha	10 kg	April-June	1								
Driving Cover	Magic Millet	10 kg 1 ha	10 kg	April-June	1								
Seed Provider	Dwarf Sunflower	12.5 kg 1 ha	12.5 kg	April-May	1								
Seed Provider	Quinoa	5 kg 0.5 ha	10 kg	April-May	1								
Seed Provider	Buckwheat	25 kg 0.5 ha	50 kg	April-May	1								
Seed Provider	Triticale (spring)	25 kg 0.2 ha	125 kg	March-April	1								
		PERENNIAL SOL	UTIONS										
Driving Cover	Canary Grass	3 kg 0.5 ha	6 kg	April-June	3-4								
Driving Cover	Chicory	3 kg 0.5 ha	6 kg	May-June	3								
		SUMMER/AUTUM	N SOWN										
Recovery	Spaniel	5 kg 0.5 ha	10 kg	June-Aug	1								
Fast Growing and Recovery	Mustard	10 kg 0.5 ha	20 kg	May-Sept	1								
Pollinators	Phacelia	5 kg 1 ha	5 kg	April-Aug	1								
Recovery	Carbon	2 kg 0.5 ha	4 kg	June-Aug	1								
Recovery	Interval	5 kg 1 ha	5 kg	June-Aug	1								
Fast Growing and Recovery	Skyfall	2.5 kg 0.5 ha	5 kg	May-Aug	1								

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