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## Organic Environmental Stewardship

### **CAP Reform redirects money to Agri-Environment**

The CAP budget is to be cut, most farms will now receive the Single Farm Payment as subsidies have been decoupled from production. In addition, modulation will redirect part of the CAP budget to the rural development budget. This means that farmers can get back some of the money lost through modulation by entering Environmental Stewardship.

### **Wild Flowers**

These can be added to any of our mixtures. Please enquire for details of our current native seed stocks.

### **Buffer Strip Grass Margin Mix**

#### **Two, Four or Six Metre**

#### **Ref. GMORG 65% ORGANIC**

An ideal mixture for buffer strips on cultivated land. It is suitable for all soil types and creates habitat for small mammals, invertebrates and birds. This mixture is suitable for Entry Level and can also be used as an option at Higher Level. Once established these areas only need to be cut once a year after mid July. If sowing a six metre margin it is recommended to leave the outer two or three metres uncut to provide tussocky cover for insects and wildlife. The best results come from either spring sowing when the soil temperature is above 5 degrees C or after harvest and by mid September. Later sowings are slower to establish and can be vulnerable to slugs.

Sow 25 kg per hectare.

5% certified common bentgrass  
27% certified ORGANIC timothy  
27% certified ORGANIC meadow fescue  
21% certified red fescue  
11% certified ORGANIC cocksfoot  
9 % certified smooth meadowgrass  
£4.73 per kg

### **Beetle Bank**

#### **& Tussocky Grass Margin**

#### **Ref. BBORG 65% ORGANIC**

These strips are known as 'beetle banks' when sown across larger arable fields and can also be sown along field boundaries. This mixture will provide a dense tussocky sward and this becomes more evident as the years go by. They may be cut two or three times in the first year for annual weed control but once established are cut only to prevent the encroachment of woody and suckering weeds.

Sow between March and early May or August to September at a depth of no more than 1cm. Minimum sowing rate of 25 kg per hectare.

25% certified timothy  
30% certified ORGANIC cocksfoot  
10 % certified red fescue  
35% certified ORGANIC meadow fescue  
£4.34 per kg

### **Pollen & Nectar**

#### **Legume Margin**

#### **Ref. PNORG 65% ORGANIC**

The mixture below is designed for Pollen & Nectar margins. It is a well balanced mixture containing grasses and nectar source legume species. The field margin is the ideal place to create a visible habitat for insects, birds and mammals. The mixture is excellent for attracting bumblebees and butterflies. It can be sown from March until mid September. It is important to sow thinly to allow the non aggressive species to establish. A sowing rate of 20 kg per hectare is recommended.

4% certified common bentgrass  
55% certified ORGANIC meadow fescue  
4 % certified red fescue  
4 % certified smaller cat's-tail/timothy  
8 % certified smooth meadowgrass  
5% certified late flowering red clover  
2% certified alsike clover  
2% certified birdsfoot trefoil  
4% common sainfoin  
10 % certified ORGANIC common vetch  
2% certified black medick

£4.58 per kg

### **Recreating Grassland**

#### **Ref. RGORG 65% ORGANIC**

Comprising grasses from the Defra list, this mixture is suitable for sowing on most soil types ranging from clays to calcareous. Frequently this type of mixture provides grass for grazing or hay production and the mixture is formulated with this in mind. However, the mixture can be varied to suit individual requirements.

This long term mixture is best sown from mid March until mid September. Many of the species included have small seeds and should therefore be surface sown onto a fine, firm seedbed. If broadcast, the seed should be lightly harrowed and rolled.

We recommend sowing a minimum of 10 kg per acre or 25 kg per hectare.

5% certified common bentgrass  
8 % certified sheeps fescue  
43% certified ORGANIC meadow fescue  
14% certified red fescue  
8 % certified smooth meadowgrass  
22% certified ORGANIC timothy  
£4.45 per kg