

Stock Leys

Early Bite

Sheep & Hay Ley

Ref. MIX1

Ideal for more early grass on light land, this ley will provide good growth throughout the year and is especially good for lamb production. It is also suitable for hay or silage and can be expected to last for at least three years. Contains white clovers making grazing more palatable and increases live weight gains.

4.00 kg certified ABERECHO tet. hybrid ryegrass
4.00 kg certified ABERSTAR perennial ryegrass
2.00 kg certified TWYSTAR perennial ryegrass
1.30 kg certified PROMESSE timothy
0.25 kg certified CRUSADER white clover
0.25 kg certified ABERHERALD white clover
0.20 kg certified S184 wild white clover

12.00 kg per acre £38.81 (30 kg/ha £97.03)

Light Land Beef/Sheep

Drought Resistant

Ref. MIX5

A long term ley that combines perennial ryegrass with drought resistant cocksfoot. Good all year round production can be achieved which can either be used for grazing or cutting. Cocksfoot produces extremely rapid recovery after defoliation and a blend of persistent white clovers makes the sward more productive and palatable. It is essential not to undergraze this ley.

3.00 kg certified SPARTA cocksfoot
3.00 kg certified ORION tetraploid perennial ryegrass
2.50 kg certified CORBET perennial ryegrass
2.30 kg certified PORTRUSH perennial ryegrass
1.50 kg certified PROMESSE timothy
0.25 kg certified CRUSADER white clover
0.25 kg certified ABERHERALD white clover
0.20 kg certified S184 wild white clover

13.00 kg per acre £42.81 (32.5 kg/ha £107.03)

Permanent Grass

Ref. MIX6

This versatile mixture contains persistent varieties ensuring good yields for cutting and grazing over many years. Promesse timothy is extremely resistant to cold temperatures and provides good medium to late season growth. The thick bottom sward structure is obtained by using mainly late perennial ryegrasses and is complemented by highly nutritious white clover. Being very hardy this mixture can be grown equally well in upland or lowland areas.

2.50 kg certified CORBET perennial ryegrass
2.50 kg certified TWYSTAR perennial ryegrass
2.50 kg certified PORTRUSH perennial ryegrass
2.50 kg certified DUNLUCE tet. perennial ryegrass
2.00 kg certified PROMESSE timothy
0.40 kg certified ABERPEARL white clover
0.40 kg certified ABERHERALD white clover
0.20 kg certified S184 wild white clover

13.00 kg per acre £41.33 (32.5 kg/ha £103.33)

Use

Stock Leys are intended for profitable stock production with emphasis placed on seasonal production, live weight gain, breeding and fattening.

Beef and sheep farmers are turning to clover as a protein source to increase production, reduce inputs and maintain profit margins.

Cover Crop

Long leys can benefit from the addition of a fast growing cover or nurse crop. Westerwolds, a one year ryegrass, can provide cover during establishment and increase yields in the first year of production. Add westerwolds ryegrass at 3 kg per acre. Cost £5.88 per acre.

Herbs

Simple mixtures containing only ryegrass and clover seem to lack some essential quality for the grazing animal. It is remarkable how stock relish herbs, particularly those in old pastures.

There is a case for the inclusion of some herbs in a seeds mixture to provide minerals in the diet. They are drought resistant and improve drainage with their deep roots penetrating the subsoil.

Sow herbs in the spring or summer, preferably in long term leys when re-seeding. A mixture of sheeps burnet, ribgrass, yarrow and sheeps parsley included at 0.5 kg per acre costs £6.50.