

PASTURE SEED AVAILABLE, OATS ARE SHORT THIS SEASON



Pasture improvement with better varieties of rye and clover has been a high priority for many of our customers. And, it is fantastic that the prices being achieved by cattle, sheep and wool producers makes pasture improvement possible.

OATS has been very popular and there is only a limited supply of Carrolup, Vasse and Williams available.

RYE GRASS: Reasonable quantities of Wicher, Tetila and Tetrone are still available at very good prices.

RYE AND CLOVER BLEND: BPS Pasture Mix has been one of our most popular seed lines in recent years. It combines 3 rye grasses: Atomic, Wicher and Tetila Gold with 3 clovers: Balansa, Turbo and Trikkala. The advantage of this seed combination is each variety has a different maturity time, which hedges your bets as to what the season length will be.

If you want to discuss your pasture requirements, speak to John on 0429 888 565 or Glenn on 0407 389 516.



Fish 'n' chips

It is March 17, the third Friday of Lent, and the faithful parishioner stumbles through pouring rain past hamburger huts and steak houses into the monastery at Mount Angel and requests shelter. He's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips he's ever had.

After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He's met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis."

"I'm very pleased to meet you. I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?"

Brother Michael replies, "Well, I'm the fish friar."

The man turns to the other brother and says, "Then you must be . . ."

"Yes, I'm afraid I'm the chip monk."

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RAIN AND WEEDS

Looking at the sky for rain and at the pasture that is desperately needing a drink, is a fruitless plight at the time of writing. Anzac Day has come and gone, a day that many in the area would say is the traditional time for the autumn break. Casting our minds back to last year, we were blessed with a very early start to the rain and despite a limited chance of it happening, there were enough rain events to keep the pasture going into autumn. A great pasture year happened.

If the pasture that has germinated is dominated by Wild Radish, Capeweed, Wild mustard and other common broadleaf weeds, now is the ideal time to spray with Diflufenican (Jaguar) and Diflufenican and MCPA (Tigrex*). These products will selectively kill the unwanted broadleaf weeds and leave the rye and clover. Clover will be set-back in the year of application, but not killed. The advantage of spraying early is the lower rate of chemical. The label rate per hectare ranges from 250ml to 1 litre. The wide variation is all to do with plant size. At 2-leaf plant growth stage, a much lower rate is suitable. Tigrex provides residual control of wild radish for up to 4 weeks after application. This applies to the bare soil at the time of spraying. Meanwhile . . . the rain is coming?



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