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PLAN NEXT WINTERS FORAGE NOW

FORAGE MAIZE

Strong sales of Forage Maize this spring means that we have sold out of some varieties so please book your requirements as soon as possible.

Maturity Class 10	— Es Ardent
Maturity Class 8	— Agreement
Maturity Class 6	— Dutop
Grain Maize	— Alanis

Mature maize remains a superb forage to be fed alongside grass silage, or for buffer feeding, and the 2 forages combined provide a balanced ration with starch from maize and protein from grass. Seedbed preparation will be key to success in 2014, check for compaction in the soil profile and if soil conditions allow subsoil to remove compacted layers.

Nutrient supply will be limited due to increased leaching over winter, so carefully add up applications, incorporate mucks and slurries quickly and balance nutrients supplied with bagged fertiliser.

Remember to check pH since low pH has a big effect on nutrient availability. We can supply prilled lime that can be easily applied with your fertiliser spreader and Calcifert is instantly accessible to this years growing crop rather than taking 3-5 years to be broken down like Ag Lime - ideal for rented fields.

Maxi-Maize - Placement "Down the Spout" fertilizer

Maxi-Maize is Avail protected phosphate and is the best source of placed fertiliser for maize. Maxi Maize is applied by the drill down the spout at 25kg/acre (62kg/ha). Placed phosphate works because phosphate is not freely available within the soil and only moves 6mm/yr. Easily delivered with your seed in 25kg bags, or 600kg dumpy bags.

ARABLE SILAGE

Pea and Barley arable silage mixtures are grown on many farms where there is insufficient heat units for maize or where grass is reseeded and a nurse cover crop of arable silage is used to protect the grass re-seed. A mixture of peas and barley ensures a higher protein content of the wholecrop, producing a complete feed in one cut. Can be drilled until the end of May and ready to cut in 12-16 weeks.

LOOK AFTER YOUR HOME GROWN FORAGE

GRASS RESEEDS

Horizon Triumph Leys offer a comprehensive range to rival any grass mixture formulation and requirement. Yield, digestibility, persistence and disease resistance are key factors in our variety selections. D value, especially, is a key driver in forage uptake levels and overall ME levels which can have a significant effect on margins in producing a litre of milk or a kilo of meat.

A new mixture inclusion is Triumph Haylage introduced due to increasing demand in this market sector - see page 11.

BE ASSURED, CHOOSE A TRIUMPH LEY

SILOSTOP OXYGEN BARRIER + SECURE COVERS

Remember the ultimate oxygen barrier for grass silage clamps is SILOSTOP.
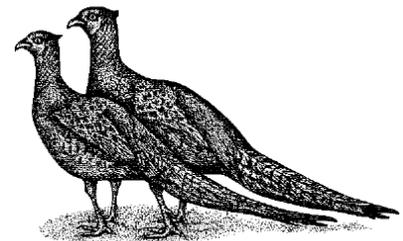
It comes in two types of sheets—**Silostop Orange**, which needs to be used with an ordinary black sheet to keep the UV light out, or **Silostop Black**, which has its own anti UV penetration barrier, and this sheet can be used alone with a **Secure Cover**, another integral part of a reliable clamp.

Please contact your local Horizon Seeds Specialist or contact the main office number for Silostop sheeting and Secure Cover size options and prices.

GRASS LEY—OVERSEEDING

Post first cut or following a hard graze, is often the best time to overseed a tired or open ley if a total reseed is not an option. Introducing new grasses will improve output (potential 30% gain) and quality of your sward and allow some extra years production from your ley.

GAMECOVER

A comprehensive guide to gamecover seeds and environmental mixtures are now available upon request.

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