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Increase sward output by over 40%

For many years grassland farmers have accepted that productivity will fall over the lifetime of a sward. This fall can be as much as 50% in terms of animal performance. Weed grasses play a major role in this as they affect yield, but more importantly the quality of the grass. This problem cannot be controlled by chemical sprays but with good grassland management which includes **regular overseeding**, young swards can be maintained in peak production for much longer than previously expected.



The ForageMax overseeding system promotes the method of routine scarifying and overseeding of young grassland to prevent premature ageing.

- The ForageMax overseeding system is based on reducing weed grass ingress that leads to rapid sward decline in later years.
- The ForageMax overseeding system works by annually topping up young swards with productive ryegrass and clover and thereby reducing the chances of weed grasses from developing within the sward.
- The ForageMax overseeding system significantly improves the productive life and quality of a sward with yield and quality improvements of up to 44%.

Overseeding means:

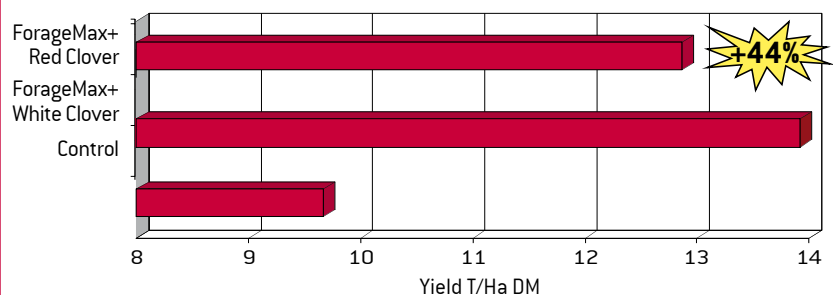
- Fast repair of winter damages
- Steady production
- Increased sward quality in older fields
- Reducing the chances of weeds developing



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by DLF-TRIFOLIUM

+44% YIELD AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT



Overseeding guidelines

Field preparation

Remove all surplus grass growth by cutting or hard grazing. Scarify the area in opposite directions using the grass scarifying harrow.

Sowing

Sow at the same time as scarifying with around 20-25kg/Ha of uncoated grass, or for improved establishment, use 35-40kg/Ha of the appropriate iSeed® fertiliser coated overseeding mixture. Immediately after sowing, roll the field to consolidate the ground or apply diluted slurry to ensure good seed to soil contact.

Timing

Immediately after the last silage cut of the season or after a hard graze in spring or autumn.

Fertiliser

All establishment fertiliser requirements are contained within iSeed® coating but if using uncoated seed avoid using nitrogen fertiliser for up to two weeks after sowing to avoid increasing the competitive pressure during germination from the existing sward.

Livestock re-introduction

If overseeding after cutting then wait until swards have fully recovered. If overseeding follow after grazing keep stock on for 10-15 days which helps seed/soil contact, then remove stock and allow swards to recover.



ForageMax mixtures for overseeding

GrassMax Original

This mixture consists of 30% Festulolium of the ryegrass type, 20% of Hybrid Ryegrass plus 50% of Perennial Ryegrass of the intermediate tetraploid type. All grasses have large seeds that assist the very best establishment in the competition with the old sward.

For even better establishment use GrassMax with iSeed®.



If clover is required in the mixture for overseeding it is recommended to add 10% White or Red Clover depending on the use of the field.



Before



After

For more information on ForageMax mixtures, please look in the Forage section at www.dlf.com.

