



Hardy Horse Pasture Blend

Pasture blends and mixes



550mm+



5.4–7.5



Wide range soil types



AgriCote (legumes)

Hardy Horse blend finds favour with horse owners and smaller operations that have a range of stock classes. As there is a regular requirement for a ryegrass-free equine pasture, Hardy Horse blend provides a persistent and productive solution. Barena pasture brome is a true perennial with excellent autumn and spring growth. Howlong cocksfoot offers year-round growth potential with some summer hardiness, and the tall fescues compliment summer and winter production. These deep-rooted grasses combine to deliver year-round feed where moisture is available, and excellent drought hardiness. Clovers are included to balance the pasture, fix natural nitrogen and feed the pasture for the long-term. Hardy Horse blend is suitable for most soil types in the medium-high rainfall areas of temperate Australia that have typical summer dry seasons. This pasture mix is also very suitable for all other classes of stock.

Key features

- Deep rooted perennial grasses
- Reliable and productive clovers
- No endophytes
- No ryegrass

Key benefits

- No ryegrass staggers
- Improved persistence in dry going
- Perennial pasture solution
- Grazing and hay production

Components

Variety	%
Bareno pasture brome	40
Howlong cocksfoot	10
Fortune tall fescue	10
Prosper tall fescue	10
Weka white clover	10
Campeda sub clover	10
Monti sub clover	10

Seed presentation

25kg bags, legumes coated with AgriCOTE.

Fertiliser

A soil test is highly recommended to provide a fertiliser and soil amendment plan. Attention should be paid to phosphorus, potassium and trace elements such as zinc, copper, molybdenum. An application of nitrogen as urea or DAP may be beneficial in the first 2–3 months after sowing. Lime or gypsum may be required to help balance soil pH and aid soil structure. A good annual strategy of autumn and spring fertiliser applications should be adopted in line with soil features, environment and productivity goals. Consult your Barenbrug Territory Manager or agronomic advisor for assistance.

Sowing

Recommended sowing rate: 30–35kg/ha minimum. 50kg/ha where fast ground cover is required.

Sow in autumn or early spring into a well-prepared seed bed. When cultivation is not desired or possible, use of spray-fallow stale seed bed techniques is highly recommended.

Sowing depth: 5–12mm is recommended.

Weed control and pests

Post-emergent weed control options are similar to those for most clover-grass pastures. Grass weed species such as barley grass and silver grass should be largely addressed in the preparatory phase prior to sowing. Broad-leaved species such as fat-hen, nightshade, docks, shepherd's purse and erodium may require initial selective broad-leaved herbicide treatment after emergence. Weed content should be monitored seasonally and response made before weeds get too large and challenge the productivity of the pasture. Seasonal pasture pests such as cockchafer, slugs, snails and armyworms may challenge the pasture. Regular monitoring and response should be made if the pasture productivity is likely to be threatened.

Grazing & management

Hardy Horse blend will be ready for grazing in around 12–16 weeks after emergence. The first grazing should be done with care to ensure the grasses and clover are well anchored. Avoid selective grazing and over-grazing by offering only sections of the paddock and then back-fencing, or through using a mob of cattle or sheep to evenly graze the paddock for the first time. Pasture productivity and persistence, as well as live-stock health and well-being are enhanced through rotational grazing. Set-stocking generally results in pastures deteriorating over time, and allows incursion of weeds and undesirable species. Where strict rotations are not possible, whatever measures that may be possible to spell pastures will be beneficial. Avoid over-grazing in dry-spells and retain 3–5cm of ground-cover from early summer to assist autumn pasture recovery.

Hardy Horse blend is suitable for hay production.

Grow with
Confidence



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