MIXES

GENTLE GRAZE

Ryegrass-free - Equine and Alpaca pasture mix

Gentle Graze is a diverse "ryegrass free" blend of perennial grasses, herbs and legumes, developed for horse and alpaca paddocks. Its ryegrass-free formulation provides an alternative pasture base, combining palatable grasses with deep-rooted herbs and nitrogen-fixing legumes. The blend is designed to provide persistent ground cover, quality grazing through winter and spring, and extended feed availability into the warmer months where soil moisture allows.



QUICK FACTS

- TYPE & PERSISTENCY
  Perennial
- MIN RAINFALL
  500 mm+
- SOIL & PH
  Soil range: Sand to Loam · pH 5.5+ ($CaCl_2$)
- SOWING RATE
  25–30 kg/ha Pasture
- TOLERANCES
  Mild Waterlogging, Mild Low pH, Mild Drought
- END USE
  Grazing, Permanent pasture
- LIVESTOCK
  Alpaca, Equine
- CARBON CREDIT
  Eligible

ABOUT THIS VARIETY

Gentle Graze is a ryegrass-free perennial pasture mix for horses and alpacas, made for the coastal plain and foothills south of Perth, from Byford and Serpentine through Mandurah, Pinjarra, Waroona and Harvey.

Matua prairie grass, tall fescue and cocksfoot give a soft, palatable grass base that lasts. Six Point chicory and lucerne add deep roots and minerals and keep feed coming later into the season. Margurita serradella, Paradana Balansa and white clover add nitrogen and cover acid sands, wet winter flats and irrigated ground.

With good management the blend produces from the autumn break well into summer, giving a long-term pasture rather than a single-season crop.

Leaving ryegrass out means the grass base relies on tall fescue, cocksfoot and prairie grass, which are generally lower in sugar and starch than ryegrass-based pastures while remaining very palatable. Lucerne and the clovers add higher-protein feed, so the mix gives a balance of grazing rather than a single feed type.

KEY ATTRIBUTES

- ✓ Ryegrass-free formulation – alternative perennial grasses selected for horse and alpaca grazing
- ✓ Extended seasonal feed – deep-rooted chicory and lucerne keep feed going later into the season
- ✓ Soft, palatable sward – a grass base horses and alpacas graze readily
- ✓ Persistent perennial base – Matua prairie grass, tall fescue and cocksfoot
- ✓ Natural nitrogen fixation – serradella, Balansa and white clover
- ✓ Pasture diversity – grasses, herbs and legumes for a more balanced pasture

MIX COMPONENTS

Formulation 2026

COMPONENT
Matua Prairie Grass Productive, palatable perennial grass
Tall Fescue Persistent grass with strong rooting, surviving through tough conditions. Excellent palatability and feed value. Responding well to summer rains.
Cocksfoot Persistent, high yielding, deep-rooted perennial grass with dense swards and a tolerance to cold and drought. A hardy perennial suited to acid soils providing excellent summer, autumn and spring production.
Six Point Chicory Deep-rooted herb for extended seasonal feed. High quality summer forage.
Lucerne Deep-rooted legume providing excellent quality forage, grazing and hay, high grazing tolerance, rapid regrowth and suitable for irrigated or Dryland systems
Margurita Serradella This hard seeded, medium maturing, pink serradella is a deep rooted legume, suited to acid sandy soils. Providing good production through early to mid spring. Palatable, productive with high nutritional value.

MIX COMPONENTS (CONTINUED)

COMPONENT
Paradana Balansa Clover A very adaptable species of hard seeded annual legume tolerating acidic and wetter winter soils. Highly regenerative if allowed to go to seed set.
White Clover Highly productive and nutritious perennial legume, suited to moist conditions. High winter and spring production and is a prolific seeder if allowed to go to seed set and can also be dispersed by livestock.

PLANTING & GRAZING NOTES

Sow at the autumn break when there is sufficient soil moisture to support establishment. Prepare a firm, clean, weed-free seedbed to encourage good seed-to-soil contact. Sow no deeper than 10 mm, ensuring small-seeded clovers and legumes are not buried too deeply. Apply lime where required to achieve a soil pH of 5.5 or above. Allow adequate time for establishment before introducing livestock. Plants should be well anchored and resistant to pulling before grazing commences. Once established, implement a rotational grazing program, allowing sufficient recovery time between grazing periods. Avoid excessive grazing pressure, particularly during establishment and through dry periods, to encourage persistence of the perennial species.

DISEASE & PEST RESISTANCE

The diversity of grasses, herbs and legumes in Gentle Graze provides a varied pasture base, reducing reliance on any single species. As with all newly established pastures, seedlings can be vulnerable to red-legged earth mites, lucerne flea, slugs and other insect pests. Regular paddock monitoring during establishment is recommended. Good soil fertility, appropriate grazing management and maintaining healthy plant cover will help support pasture persistence.

STAND LIFE

The perennial grasses provide the foundation for a longer-term pasture, while chicory and lucerne contribute deep rooting and extended seasonal growth. The annual legumes, including Margurita serradella and Paradana Balansa, can contribute to future pasture regeneration when allowed to flower and set seed under suitable management. Good grazing management, soil fertility and adequate moisture are important for maintaining pasture productivity and persistence.

CARBON FARMING & PASTURE DIVERSITY

Carbon farming offers farmers the opportunity to improve soil health, build soil carbon and support more sustainable farming systems. Many of IH Seeds pasture mixes feature a diverse range of grasses, legumes and herbs that can support productive pastures, encourage deeper root growth, and contribute to soil carbon sequestration. Diverse pastures may help farmers meet the requirements of eligible carbon farming projects under Australia's Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF), with the potential to earn Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs) where approved methods and eligibility criteria are met.

HOW IT'S SOLD

FORM	PACK
Inoculated & treated with BioNPK Powder S	25 kg

Certification: ASF Code of Practice