



Seasonal Update

What to expect, when to prepare and how to execute. Plan for 2024 to be your year!

LIVESTOCK**PASTURE****CHEMICAL****NUTRITION****ANIMAL HEALTH**

What a Summer!

While we moved into the summer we were all gearing up for a dry El Nino season, but this certainly hasn't happened.

We have experienced a lot more rain than usual which has been both useful for providing more feed, and also frustrating as many weeds have germinated again. We had many customers make use of the rainfall planting out different summer active seed varieties to fill a feed gap in their system with many positive results.

We have seen six year old cocksfoot pastures go gang busters with this rainfall, outcompeting an area previously over ridden with barley grass. A three year old chicory plantation has also made use of this summer rain providing a paddock full of feed in a period when we would normally have dry, low protein, high fibre feed in most situations. (see pictures below)

What can we learn from this?

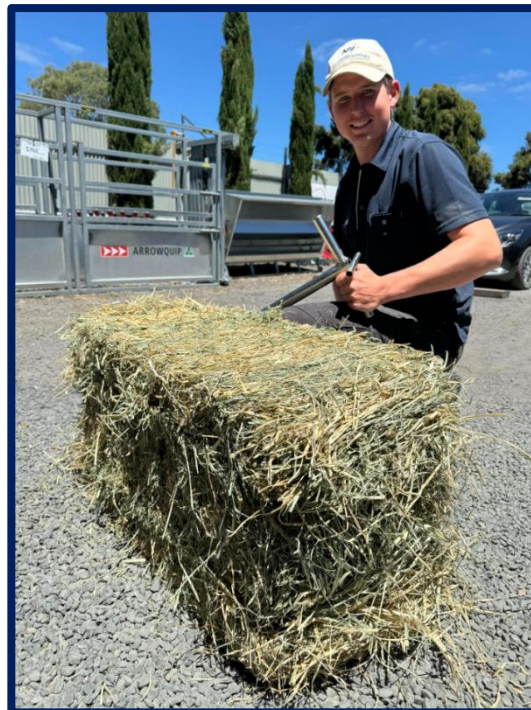
Sometimes we need to think out of the box when selecting a seed blend for our situation. There are always many options other than just planting a rye grasses with clover blend. Adding herbs or other varieties which will actively grow and thrive with some moisture and warm weather can be beneficial in many situations to fill feed gaps, which also reduces the amount of extra feed being brought in as well. Depending on what will suit your situation will also determine the time of planting.

Come and see us in store, or give us a call to chat about the different options. Plan ahead of time to make sure you are ready for planting when the season breaks!



Chicory Stand in Mount Torrens, photographed 8/1/24

Rhodes Grass Hay



What makes Hills Farm Supplies the Masters of Pasture?

Our methodology encompasses to ADVISE, DEVISE, BUILD, and DELIVER. We offer unparalleled on-farm advice through our team of expert livestock nutritionists and agronomists, ensuring you receive knowledgeable guidance every step of the way. Illustrating our comprehensive approach to achieving superior fodder is Riley Pearce and a bale of Katambora Rhodes Grass Hay. A standout product cultivated by a dedicated client in the Riverland region of South Australia. This particular hay is the only of its kind grown in SA and comes with a feed test by our advanced "On the Spot" Feed Testing Unit, Agri NIR.

We invite you to visit our store to purchase a bale or engage with our agronomists to learn how Hills Farm Supplies can help you too to grow exceptional feed for your livestock.

Need expert advice about sowing pastures, feeding livestock, and or animal health?



Talk to the friendly staff at HFS to arrange an on-farm visit or simply chat to us in store!





SEEDING SEASON!

Hills Winter Boost Annual Blend

Sowing Rate: 30kg/ha Bag Size: 25kg

Contains: RED GUM II RYEGRASS, PINNACLE RYEGRASS, ASCEND RYEGRASS, SHAFTAL PERSIAN CLOVER, & TAIPAN BALANSA CLOVER.



\$156

(\$6.23 per kg)

Hills Forage Oat & Vetch Hay Blend

Sowing Rate: 80kg/ha Bag Size: 25kg

Contains: EXPRESS FORAGE OATS, POPANY PURPLE VETCH.



\$70

(\$2.79 per kg)

Hills Equine Long Term

Sowing Rate: 20kg/ha Bag Size: 25kg

Contains: AURUS COCKSFOOT, AMBA COCKSFOOT, LEONA PRAIRIE GRASS, STAMINA GT5 (5) LUCERNE, GENESIS (7) LUCERNE.



\$368

(\$14.72 per kg)

Hills Base Ryegrass & Clovers

Sowing Rate: 25kg/ha Bag Size: 25kg

Contains: MAXSYN NEA4 RYEGRASS, JACKAL AR1 RYEGRASS, MARATHON LE RYEGRASS, YANCO SUB CLOVER, MINTARO SUB CLOVER, BINDOON SUB CLOVER, TAIPAN BALANSA CLOVER.



\$333

(\$13.31 per kg)

Exciting Equine Pasture Seed Trials – Coming Soon!

This year marks the beginning of an ambitious project at one of our trial sites: equine pastures. Centred around low sugar and high fibre options, our focus is on assessing palatability, forage quality, and overall suitability for horses. The trials will provide invaluable insights into increasing on farm productivity and reducing the need to outsource fibre options such as hay.

Stay tuned for an exclusive showcase day, yet to be confirmed, where we will present the results and offer tours of the trial paddocks. This event will be a unique opportunity for horse owners and enthusiasts to explore innovative options and gain insights into growing their own feed.

We're also thrilled to announce the integration of a cutting-edge fencing system in our trial paddock. One side will feature the new Waratah Equine Fencing System, known for its durability and safety. Made in Australia, this fence will demonstrate the quality we strive and deliver for at Hills Farm Supplies.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for further details, including the announcement of the showcase day. This is an event you won't want to miss!

If you are thinking of sowing seed for this season, then now is the time to talk to your local agronomist, conduct a soil test and talk to the team at Hills Farm Supplies. Seed, herbicide, and fertiliser options available plus expert advice to ensure you maximise your properties potential.

Let's Talk:

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Jump on our website to view our range of Seed blends. All mixed-on site with customization options available!



*Advertised Price is for 1x 25kg bag. Discounts apply for quantity buys. Price includes GST. Price subject to change without notice. Small bags (5kg) also available in store.

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INFORMATION SHEETS, & GUIDE
AVAILABLE IN STORE NOW!**

Crop Diversification

In low rainfall regions.

Crop rotations and diversification in lower rainfall regions can reduce the negative impact over certain soil properties and erosion and will assist in better disease, pest, and weed management. The practice increases general nutrient recycling and improves rainfall and sunlight use efficiency. Depending on the type of crops used, there may also be great benefits in terms of increased carbon sequestration and atmospheric nitrogen fixation. Incorporating legumes into a crop rotation will assist in achieving these benefits.

Hills All Legume Seed Blend **\$243** (\$9.72 per kg)

A high production legume blend offering outstanding quality forage (particularly in spring), & boosting soil nitrogen levels for future crops. The All Legume blend provides an opportunity to tackle problem grasses in crops, finish lambs and calves during the spring months, or conserve some quality feed for autumn.

Hills Salt Survivor Seed Blend **\$212** (\$8.45 per kg)

This is a unique blend of 4 legumes recognised to tolerate mild to moderate levels of salinity. Capable of turning around low productivity areas into quality feed for grazing year on year. The different varieties will suit different soil types. The mixed sward offered in Salt Survivor allows for species to dominate in different areas of the paddock, creating a persistent and versatile

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For precise and reliable DROPLET OPTIMISATION, with more droplets onto target weeds, use: Nufarm DROPZONE. Nufarm DROPZONE with droplet optimisation technology, delivers a greater volume of spray solution in the optimal range (150 µm to 720 µm), for Very Coarse, Extra Coarse and Ultra Coarse spray qualities.

The unique formulation of 500 g/L 2,4-D AMINE results in faster activity, greater efficacy, low odour, and reduced buffer zones.

A non-volatile formulation for use in Fallow, Sugarcane, grass pasture & salvage spraying of cereals. Available now at Hills Farm Supplies.



Farmers Autumn & Winter Alert:

WATCH FOR SLUGS!

Given we didn't receive a long, hot, and dry summer as originally forecast, be on the look out for slugs and snails in your pasture. Slugs cause fast and significant damage to grass, cereal, and legume crops. They can wipe out paddocks quickly and have a significant impact on plant numbers.

Don't wait until you can see the damage to do something about it. To prevent this pest, apply Snailx Bait (15g/kg Metaldehyde) at 10kg per hectare.



LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

DAY

W E D N E S D A Y 2 4 J U L Y

Held at the Hills Farm Supplies & Telpara Suffolk property: 380 Buccleuch South Road, Sherlock SA

Register your interest: sales@hillsfarmsupplies.com.au





SHEEP MANAGEMENT CALENDAR

1.

PRE-JOINING:

2 ½ months prior to planned joining date:

- ☐ **Inspect Rams 4 T's.** (Teeth, Testes, Torso & Toes)- Replace rams as required.
- ☐ **Trace Mineral 'Top Up' for Rams.** Supplement with loose lick minerals, inject rams with vitamin B12.
- ☐ **Complete All Husbandry Activities** eg, shearing & crutching.
- ☐ **Vaccinate Rams** with Glanvac 6 in 1.

2 months prior to planned joining date:

- ☐ **Supplementary Feeding of Rams** with a high protein/energy feed. Up to 750g/head/day.
- ☐ **Check Body Conditions of Ewes.** Higher liveweight (condition score 3) gives more lambs. Feed grain as required.
- ☐ **Trace Mineral 'Top Up' for Ewes.** Supplement with loose lick minerals.

1 ½ months prior to planned joining date:

- ☐ **Isolate Rams from Ewes.** Keep ewes out of smell and sight!

2.

JOINING- GESTATION:

Joining date: ____ / ____ / ____.

- ☐ **Add rams to ewes.**

5 weeks post joining:

- ☐ **Remove rams from ewes.**

35 to 42 days post ram removal:

- ☐ **Scan Ewes.** Separate multiple bearing ewes and manage to a higher nutrition plane.
- ☐ **FWEC Check.** Faecal worm egg count. Drench if necessary.

3 months post joining:

- ☐ **Check Body Condition of Ewes.** Ewes must be a minimum BC of 2.5. Maintain or increase feeding to ensure adequate nutrition.

3.

PRE-LAMBING:

1 month prior to lambing: (Sheep gestation is 5 months)

- ☐ **Pre-Lamb Crutch, Vaccinate, & Drench.** Vaccinate with GlanEry 7 in 1. Conduct FWEC and drench if necessary.
- ☐ **Check Body Condition of Ewes.** Watch for rapid weight loss, maintain, or increase feeding.
- ☐ **Feed Mineral Supplements.** Pregnancy toxemia risk is high in multiple bearing ewes. Supplement loose lick minerals high in calcium and magnesium.

15 days prior to lambing:

- ☐ **Paddock Inspections.** Identify paddocks with high feed on offer.

4.

LAMBING:

End of gestation: (Sheep gestation is 5 months)

- ☐ **Ensure Ewes are Well Fed.** If paddock feed is in short supply, have provisions of ad-lib quality legume hay.

6 to 8 weeks post start of lambing:

- ☐ **Lamb Marking.** Vaccinate with GlanEry 7 in 1, removal tails on third joint (as per MLA recommendations). Consider pain relief options, eg Butec.

2 months post lambing:

- ☐ **FWEC Check.** Faecal worm egg count of ewes. Drench if necessary.

4 months post lambing:

- ☐ **Weaning, Drenching & Vaccinating.** Give booster vaccination and first drench.
- ☐ **Risk Considerations.** Flystrike options for weaners, including backliners, crutching or shearing.
- ☐ **Check Body Condition of Ewes.** Aim to have them back to a BC of 3 by joining.



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ANNUAL RAM & EWE SALE
11 September 2024

11am Inspection

1pm Auction



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