Spring has arrived and its time to purchase our forage seed spring seeding supply. Varieties, timing and rain can make the difference between bumper crops and an unsatisfied producer. We all know there isn’t much we can grow without the rain but if and when we do get it we want to make the best of it.

The Peace Country is notorious for its harsh winters and wildlife problems so finding mixtures and varieties that will work is a challenge. Different varieties have been found to be winter hardier and will maintain good pasture and hay land for many years, while others will die off sooner.

When choosing a variety ask:
1. Has it been tested in the Peace?
2. How has the longevity stood up?
3. How good/consistent are yields?
4. Does it recover from grazing pressures if you have wildlife problems in your area?

The following are examples of what’s available from local seed companies in the BC Peace.

### Peace Country Seeds

#### Alfalfa Pre-Innoculated

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### Other Legumes:

- **Birdsfoot Trefoil:** Available
- **Sainfoin:** Available
- **Cicer Milkvetch:** Available

### Bromes:

- **Meadow Brome Fleet:** $1.30/Per Lb
- **Common Meadow Brome:** $1.00
- **Smooth Brome Carlton:** $1.30
- **Common Smooth Brome:** $1.10

### Timothy:

- **Climax Cert #1:** $1.00/Per Lb
- **Express Cert #1:** $1.35
- **Common # 1:** $0.75

### Orchardgrass:

- **Early Arctic Cert #1:** $2.85
- **AMBA Cert #1:** $1.65
- **Common #1:** $1.15
**Cost Cutter Pasture:** 25% of each Alfalfa + Tall Fescue + Timothy + Meadow Brome.
2003: $104.05 / 55lb bags ~ $1.90/lb

**Premium Pasture:** 20% of each Algonquin Alfalfa + Courtenay Tall Fescue + Climax Timothy + Artic Orchardgrass + Fleet Meadow Brome
2003: $110.50 / 55lb bag ~ $2.01/lb

**Horse Pasture:** 30% Courtenay Tall Fescue + 30% Artic Orchardgrass + 10% Climax Timothy + 20% Fleet Meadow Brome + 5% Creeping Red Fescue
2003: $123.40 / 55lb bag ~ $2.24/lb

**Cost Cutter Hay:** 60% Alfalfa + 15% orchard Grass + 10% Timothy + 15% Smooth Brome.
2003: $95.35 / 55lb bag ~ $1.74/lb

**Premium Hay:** 60% Algonquin Alfalfa + 15% Courtenay Tall Fescue + 10% Climax Timothy + 15% Artic Orchardgrass
2003: $110.70 / 55lb bag ~ $2.01/lb

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Variety of Forage Grasses available.

**Production Mix:** 50% Smooth Bromegrass + 40% Alfalfa + 10% Timothy
2003: $1.30/lb

**Peace Country Hay Mix:** 85% Peace Alfalfa + 15% Climax Timothy
2003: $1.56/lb

**Lowland Mixture:** 60% Alsike + 40% Timothy
2003: $0.94/lb

**Grazer Mixture:** 60% Meadow Brome + 20% Crested Wheat grass + 20% Timothy
2003: $1.07/lb

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**Peace Country Seeds**

**Erbe Feed (DC)**
Albert Erbe
782-2279

**FSJ Seed Cleaning Coop**
Lorne Rycroft
250-785-3904

**Peace Country Seed (DC)**
Glen & Donna Mielke
(250) 782-8684

**Pickseed Canada (DC)**
Gino Morrone
(250) 782-3040

**Prairie Seed (DC)**
Wayne Eazard
(250) 786-

**Rolla Ag Services (Rolla)**
Glenn Evans
(250) 759-4770

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