

Spring Forage Seeding & Rejuvenation

Where's the Seed Locally

Locally Grown Forage Seed

Baldonnel

- * Graminaceae
Arthur & Laurel Hadland
(250) 789-3566
- * Hadland Seed Farms
Ed & Lori Hadland
(250) 789-3646
- * Hill Farms LPD
Gordon Hill
250-789-3469

Rolla

- * J & G Seed Farms
Judy & Garry Scott
(250) 759-4593

Flatrock

- * P W Farms
Dave & Karen Wuthrich
250-781-3366

Attachie, Highway 29 FSJ

- * Sewell's Seed Farm
Rich & Linda
(250) 262-3200

"Ask for a certificate of analysis for the seed lot you are buying, to obtain information on the purity, germination and weed content."
*Arthur Hadland,
Baldonnel*

What Difference Does the Seed Make?

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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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Algonquin *Certified #1 | \$1.60/lb |
| Beaver * Certified # 1 | \$1.60 |
| Rambler *Certified #1 | \$1.80 |
| Rangelander *Certified #1 | \$2.10 |
| Peace *Certified # 1 | ask |
| Peace Country Alfalfa | \$1.77 |
| 33% Algonquin | |
| 33% Beaver | |
| 34% Rangelander | |

Clover:

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| Alsike Aurora Certified | \$1.30/lb |
| Alsike Common #1 | \$1.10 |
| Red Common # 1 | \$1.05 |
| Sweet Clover | \$1.00 |
| White Clover | \$1.90 |

Other Legumes:

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| Birdsfoot Trefoil | Available |
| Sainfoin | Available |
| Cicer Milkvetch | Available |

Bromes:

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| Meadow Brome Fleet | \$1.30/lb |
| Common Meadow Brome | \$1.00 |
| Smooth Brome Carlton | \$1.30 |
| Common Smooth Brome | \$1.10 |

Timothy:

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| Climax Cert #1 | \$1.00/lb |
| Express Cert #1 | \$1.35 |
| Common # 1 | \$0.75 |

Orchardgrass:

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| Early Arctic Cert #1 | \$2.85 |
| AMBA Cert #1 | \$1.65 |
| Common #1 | \$1.15 |

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BC Peace Companies Selling Forage Seed

- * Agricore United
Rob Cales-Dawson Creek
(250) 782-9264
Fort St John
(250) 785-3445
Proven Seeds
- * Agro Source (DC)
Deanna Boyle
(250) 782-4449
Foster's Seed
- * Brett-Young PureBred
Forages (Baltonnel/Rolla)
Hadland Farms
250-789-3646
J & G Seed Farms
250-759-4593
- * Cargill (FSJ)
(250) 787-0638
- * CRC Ranch Supplies (DC)
(250) 782-9893
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
PickSeed

Erbe Seed Sale

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 + 20% Climax Timothy + 15% 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

Pick Seed

Specialty Alfalfas:

AC Grazeland Br. is a variety developed specifically for grazing and pasture, it is a **loat reduced** variety.

Pickseed 3006 has been designed specifically to replace older creeping rooted pasture varieties such as Rangelander and Ramble. It is a creeping root plant as well and has a high resistance to bacterial wilt.

Tall Fescue:

Fuego has an improved digestibility, it has softer leaves and is a more palatable forage, it also produces well under drought stress and is endophyte free.

Festival is a new variety that is also endophyte free, has an exceptional yield and is very palatable as well. This variety is very leafy and drought tolerant.

Agro Source

| | 2003 Price |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Alfalfa: Algonquin | \$1.60 /lb |
| Peace | \$2.67 /lb |
| Beaver | \$1.86 /lb |
| Common | \$1.40 /lb |
| Rangelander | \$2.15 /lb |

Birdsfoot Trefoil: \$2.44 /lb

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

*** Summary ***

The lists above are not inclusive, different varieties may be available and prices may be different for 2004. Feel free to contact any company or producer for complete information on the products they provide. They will be able to provide recommended seeding rates and explain the capabilities of their forage.

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