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SEED GRAIN

**FOR SEASON
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INTRODUCTION

William Shearer have pleasure in offering the following Spring Grain varieties, subject to being unsold. Prices, unless otherwise stated, include seed treatment and delivery on farm Orkney Mainland. North & South Isles orders delivered Isles Depot, Hatston.

Prices for 2026 are down on last year with sufficient stock availability to meet market demands. However, as always, we recommend customers to book early to secure their variety of choice.

For the first time in many years, we are no longer able to offer Tyne. The demand for this old variety having fallen below commercial production. However as a substitute for Tyne we recommend Fairing, the earliest variety on the recommended list.

Variety descriptions have been taken from the 2026 AHDB & Scottish Recommended lists and are for guidance only.

SPRING BARLEY

BELTER - NEW for 2026. This new introduction has exhibited high treated yields (104%). Belter is (+2) for maturity, similar to Laureate. It has short (68cm) relatively stiff straw with a high resistance to brackling. £560.00 tonne

FAIRING. Fairing is the earliest variety on the Recommended List (-2). Yield is lower than other later varieties (91%), as you would expect from an early ripening variety. Straw length (69cm) is also slightly shorter than Planet (72cm). Fairing is a good substitute for Tyne for under sowing with grass, or marginal land, where early harvesting is important. £560.00 tonne

PROSPECT. We are pleased to offer this relatively high yielding feed variety (North 101%). Ripening data suggests it is on a par with Planet. Straw length is slightly shorter at (70cm). Prospect has a stiff straw with very high resistance to brackling. Good disease score. Recommended as a substitute for Wagon. £550.00 tonne

SASSY. The tallest variety (78cm) on the recommended list. Sassy has a relatively high grain yield (95%) with a ripening score (+2), so slightly later than Planet. As you might expect for a tall variety, straw strength (6) is just below Planet (7). £560.00 tonne

DIABLO. A relatively high yielding variety, with a score of (99%). Diablo is a later maturing variety on the recommended lists (+2), with a straw length of (71cm). Best suited to crimping. £560.00 tonne

TUNGSTEN. This recent addition ranks among the highest yielding varieties on the list (North 103%). Ripening and straw height (71cm) which is similar to Laureate (+1), with an excellent disease score on mildew. Straw is relatively stiff with a high resistance to brackling. £550.00 tonne

SPRING BARLEY

SKYWAY - New to Us Skyway is a high yielding (101%) variety for all regions & soil types. Excellent agronomic profile with reasonably stiff medium height (74cm) straw and average lodging score (7). Skyway has outperformed Planet (97%) with similar ripening (+1). Good bushel weight with a vigorous growth habit.

£560.00 tonne

FLORENCE This new feed variety from breeders Senova, boasts high yields (North 102%). In the field, Florence has short (70cm) stiff straw with an (8) for resistance to lodging and an outstanding score of (9) for brackling. Florence has excellent disease resistance with ratings of (8) for mildew, (5) for brown rust and (6) for rhynchosporium. Ripening very similar to Planet. Good substitute for Wagon. Recommended

£550.00 tonne

PLANET. Planet is still a popular all-round variety with a score of (97%) for yield in the North. Ripening is very similar to Propino, which it has replaced. Straw length is (72cm) with a good all round disease resistance. Recommended.

£550.00 tonne

LAUREATE. Laureate first appeared on the AHDB list in 2016 and is a high yielding variety (North 102%) , with an excellent disease and agronomic profile. Although shorter straw length (69cm) and slightly later ripening than Planet, Laureate is very high tillering. Not recommended for under sowing.

£560.00 tonne

FIREFOXX. Firefoxx is proving a very popular choice and now overtaking Planet. It is very high yielding (102%) with a relatively short, (69cm) stiff straw. Good brackling resistance (8). Maturity is the same as Planet. Firefoxx has a reasonable disease resistance with a high rating (8) for mildew. However, rhynchosporium (5) and brown rust (4) are slightly below average. Recommended.

£560.00 tonne

SPRING OATS

We are pleased to offer the following oat varieties, subject to being unsold.

CANYON. High yielding (99%) and one of the taller (113cm) spring oat varieties. Maturity (-2). Good mildew and lodging resistance. Recommended for arable silage.

£575.00 tonne

MERLIN. We first introduced Merlin in 2022 and have received excellent comments on its early maturity and quality grain yields. Merlin has one of the highest yielding score in trials (101). Good disease score and standing ability with a straw height (108cm). Maturity (-2). Recommended.

£575.00 tonne



ARABLE SILAGE MIXTURES

Arable Silage Mixtures can help to increase levels of home-grown protein, producing high quality palatable silage. We are pleased to offer the following mixes.

AS.1	AS.2	AS.3
30% Spring Barley	60% Spring Barley	60% Spring Oats
30% Spring Oats	40% Forage Peas	40% Forage Peas
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100%	100%	100%
500kg	500kg	500kg
£685.00 tonne	£675.00	£675.00

Suggested sowing rate.

75kgs acre direct

50kgs “ under sown with grass

ORGANIC SEED GRAIN

FIREFOXX BARLEY

500kg £745.00tonne

LAUREATE BARLEY

500kg £745.00tonne

MERLIN OATS

500kg £755.00tonne

ORGANIC (70%) ARABLE SILAGE MIXTURE

50% Spring Barley

30% Spring Oats

15% Forage Peas

5% Vetch

100% £850.00tonne

500kg

Orders for all Spring Grain are supplied in 500kg & 250kg bags. There will be a surcharge of £10 for part orders supplied in 250kg bags.

Manganese Treatment – Available for all varieties @ £35.00 tonne

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