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ORKNEY SEED GRAIN LIST 2023

We 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.

The present feed grain prices, higher production costs and increased haulage charges have, inevitably, impacted on the price of seed grain for the coming season.

There are adequate stocks of grain available, however, as always, we recommend early booking to secure the variety of your choice.

Variety descriptions have been taken from the AHDB Recommended List and are for guidance only.

SPRING BARLEY

GOLDEN PROMISE. This early ripening variety from the 1970's remains popular with brewers and those under sowing with grass, despite its susceptibility to mildew.
500kg & 50kg

TYNE. Early ripening variety and similar to Golden Promise. Straw length may be slightly shorter and grain size may also vary, depending on season. Recommended for under sowing with grass.
500kg & 50kg

PROSPECT. We are pleased to offer this relatively new high yielding feed variety (North 103). Ripening data suggests it is similar to Planet and Propino. Straw length is slightly shorter at 71cm. Prospect has a stiff straw with very high resistance to brackling. Good disease score. Recommended.
500kg only

WAGGON. High yielding and consistent feed variety with good resistance to brackling and mildew, although susceptible to rhynchosporium. Waggon has a fairly prostrate growth habit in the early stages of growth and therefore is not considered the best variety for under sowing with grass. Still a popular feed variety in Caithness.
500kg & 50kg

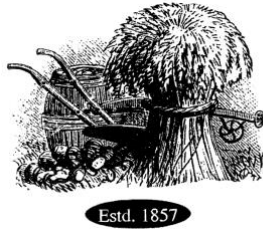
DIABLO. High yielding (107), particularly in the North and East of Scotland. Diablo is a later maturing variety with relatively stiff straw with a high resistance to brackling. Recommended for crimping.
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SPRING BARLEY

TUNGSTEN - This new addition ranks among the highest yielding varieties on the list (North 107). Ripening and straw height (71cm) is similar to Laureate with an excellent disease score on mildew. Straw is relatively stiff with a high resistance to brackling.

500kg & 50kg

PROPINO. First introduced to Orkney in 2012, Propino very quickly became the market leader. However, it has now been eclipsed by Planet. Propino is still favoured by many local growers, although it appears to be increasingly more prone to disease. Straw length 75cm with a score of 7 for resistance to lodging. Please note, this will be the last year we will be offering this variety

500kg & 50kg

PLANET. Hailed by many as the new Propino, Planet is now our most popular variety. Planet is a high yielding variety for the north at 103 on the recommended list. Ripening is very similar to Propino with a slightly shorter straw length (73cm). Excellent all round disease resistance. Recommended.

500kg & 50kg

LAUREATE. Laureate first appeared on the AHDB list in 2016 and is a high yielding (North 104) variety, with an excellent disease and agronomic profile. Although shorter straw length (71cm) and slightly later ripening than Planet or Propino, Laureate is very high tillering. Not recommended for under sowing.

500kg & 50kg

SASSY. Agri trials lists this recent addition as high yielding (North 101) with a similar ripening period to Laureate. Straw length is similar to Concerto (77cm) but like Concerto, Sassy has a slightly weaker straw strength than average.

500kg only

FIREFOXX. - NEW FOR 2023.

Firefoxx is very high yielding (107%) with a relatively short, (71cm) reasonably stiff straw, with good brackling resistance (8). Maturity is similar to Planet. Firefoxx has a reasonable disease resistance with a high rating (9) for mildew, however rhynchosporium (5) and brown rust (4) are less than average.

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SPRING OATS

There is an increasing interest in Oats, with new earlier ripening varieties such as Merlin, now matching barley for yield with lower input costs. We are pleased to offer the following subject to being unsold.

CANYON. High yielding (104) and one of the tallest (110cm) spring oat varieties. Good mildew and lodging resistance. Recommended for arable silage.

500kg only

MERLIN. We first introduced Merlin last year and have had very good feed back on its early maturity and yield. Merlin has the highest yielding score in trials (107). Good disease score and standing ability with a straw height of 105cm. Recommended for combining.

500kg only

MANGANESE TREATMENT. Available for all varieties @ £35.00 tonne.

NON CHEMICALLY TREATED. Deduct £20.00 tonne.

ORGANIC SEED GRAIN

PLANET BARLEY - 500kg & 25kg

SIENNA " - 500kg & 25kg

FIRTH OATS - 500kg & 25kg

Total orders supplied in 50kg bags, where offered, will incur a surcharge of £30.00 tonne.

Please also note that certain barley and all oat varieties are available in 500kg bags only.

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