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ORKNEY SEED GRAIN PRICE LIST 2024

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.

Early indications were of an easing of grain prices at the end of October last year. However, by the end of November, poor weather conditions at that time meant that a significant area of winter crops remained unsown. This has created a much stronger demand for Spring varieties with prices now remaining at a similar level to last year.

With some Barley varieties short of requirements and Oats in keen demand, we strongly advise customers to book early to secure the variety of their choice.

Our hauliers are holding their rates at last year's prices. However, shipping charges are set to rise on April 1st when we will have no alternative but to implement a freight surcharge of £5.00 tonne to some orders received after this date. This applies to deliveries from our suppliers Harleys at Milnathort only. These specific varieties are all marked with an (H).

We regret, that due to falling demand, Golden Promise is no longer available and suggest Tyne as a suitable early variety replacement.

Variety descriptions have been taken from the updated AHDB recommended list and are for guidance only.

SPRING BARLEY

TYNE. Earliest ripening UK variety, very 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.
£585.00 tonne in 500kg & 50kg

PROSPECT. (H) We are pleased to offer this relatively high yielding feed variety (North 101). Ripening data suggests it is on a par with Planet and Propino. Straw length is slightly shorter at 70cm. Prospect has a stiff straw with very high resistance to brackling. Good disease score. Recommended.
£595.00 tonne in **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 and therefore not considered the best variety for under sowing with grass. Still a popular feed variety in Caithness.
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SPRING BARLEY

TUNGSTEN. This recent addition ranks among the highest yielding varieties on the list (North 104). 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.

£595.00 tonne in 500kg & 50kg

FLORENCE - NEW FOR 2024 (H)

This new introduction from breeders Senova, boasts high yields (North 102). In the field, Florence has short (70) 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.

£595.00 tonne in **500kg** only

PLANET. Planet is still our most 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 (74cm) with an excellent all round disease resistance. Recommended.

£595.00 tonne in 500kg & 50kg

LAUREATE. Laureate first appeared on the AHDB list in 2016 and is a high yielding (North 100) variety, with an excellent disease and agronomic profile. Although shorter straw length (72cm) and slightly later ripening than Planet or Propino, Laureate is very high tillering. Not recommended for under sowing.

£595.00 tonne in 500kg & 50kg

FIREFOXX.

Firefoxx is very high yielding (102%) with a relatively short, (72cm) stiff straw. Good brackling resistance (8). Maturity is very similar to 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. Good feed back from those who had this variety last year, with some suggesting it may be a few days earlier than Planet.

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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 (101) and one of the tallest (111cm) spring oat varieties. Good mildew and lodging resistance. Recommended for arable silage.
£615.00 tonne in **500kg** only

MERLIN. We first introduced Merlin in 2022 and have received excellent comments on its early maturity and quality grain yields. Merlin has the highest yielding score in trials (103). Good disease score and standing ability with a straw height of 106cm. Recommended for combining.
£615.00 tonne in **500kg** only

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 (H)
30% Spring Barley
30% Spring Oats
40% Forage Peas
100%
500kg only
£685.00 tonne

AS.2 (H)
60% Spring Barley
40% Forage Peas
100%
500kg only
£POA

AS.3 (H)
60% Spring Oats
40% Forage Peas
100%
500kg only
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Suggested sowing rate.
75kgs acre direct
50kgs “ under sown with grass

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ORGANIC SEED GRAIN

PLANET BARLEY

500kg only
£750.00

LAUREATE BARLEY

500kg only
£750.00 tonne

MERLIN OATS

500kg only
£760.00 tonne

ORGANIC (70%) ARABLE SILAGE MIXTURE

50% Spring Barley
30% Spring Oats
15% Forage Peas
5% Vetch
100%

500kg & 25kg bags
£845.00 tonne

Total orders supplied in 50kg bags, where offered, will incur a surcharge of £30.00 tonne or £1.50 bag surcharge.

Manganese Treatment – Available for all varieties @ £35.00 tonne

Non-Chemical Treatment – Deduct £20.00 tonne

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

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