

## Paddock Grass Seed Mix

A specialist blend of grass seed suitable for repairing and reseeded horse and pony paddocks.

- ✓ Quickly established
- ✓ Hard wearing and durable
- ✓ Dense sward

### Reseeding

Sow at a rate of 15kgs per acre into a fine tilth seed bed, cover by lightly harrowing and then roll to produce a firm seed bed.

### Repairing/Patching

Loosen soil on bare patches by raking with a grass rake or grass harrows. Scatter grass seed on at the rate of 15kgs per acre if using a spreader or at the rate of 10 grammes (2 tablespoons) per square metre by hand. Cover seed by lightly raking or harrowing and then firm by rolling or walking on.

To get the best from your grass seed sow into moist soils or when rain is forecast. If possible keep horses off for 2-3 weeks and once the grass is showing apply Suregrow fertiliser.

**Sold in  
convenient,  
easy to handle  
10kg bags**



### NO UPHEAVAL

No need to relocate your horse while spreading.

### WEAR & TEAR REPAIR

Aids recovery of over grazed, poached or stressed grass.

### CONSISTENT GROWTH

Slower release nutrients to give more sustained grass growth over longer period.

### RESILIENT ROOTS

Stimulates root development and strength resulting in a denser sward.

### FOR IMPROVED GRASS QUALITY

Palatability and greener field.

### HELPS TO SUPPRESS WEEDS

By promoting a thicker grass sward.

### WILL NOT SCORCH GRASS

### Application Rates and Timing

Requirements	Application Rate	Timing
Spring and Summer Growth	4-5 bags/acre (80kgs)	Early March through to late July
Late Season Growth	3 bags/acre (60kgs)	September through to mid November

EC Fertiliser							
NP Fertiliser (UK) 11:22:0 (18% SO <sub>3</sub> )							
NP Fertiliser (Eire) 11:9:0 (7% S)							
Nitrogen		Phosphorus Pentoxide & Phosphorus			Sulphur Soluble in Water		
Total	Ammoniacal	Soluble in Neutral Ammonium Citrate & Water		Soluble in Water	Sulphur Trioxide	Sulphur	
N	N	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	P	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	P	SO <sub>3</sub>	S
11%	11%	22%	9%	22%	9%	18%	7%

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**Fertiliser** specifically designed for horse and pony paddocks



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# Guide to Paddock Maintenance



## Fertilising

This is a vital component to achieving a well balanced pasture. Applying Suregrow at a rate of 4 bags an acre once or twice a year will give you a consistent healthy growth, stimulating root development, resulting in a denser sward therefore suppressing weed growth. Suregrow is slow release and low in nitrogen therefore preventing lush high protein grass growth which can be harmful. Light drizzle or heavy dew after spreading is ideal as it will gently dissolve the pellets, ensuring nutrients are washed into the ground where they are needed.



## Grazing

Avoid overgrazing or overstocking – Overgrazed paddocks have a reduced quality of pasture and as the weeds replace grass they quickly look untidy and unkept. The environment becomes less healthy for horses, the feed value of grazing decreases and problems arise. The general rule of thumb with regard to grazing density is 2 acres for the first horse and 1 acre for each thereafter.

Where possible, it is a good idea for horses to strip graze behind a movable electric fence, allowing them to be moved strip by strip. Introducing a back fence will allow re-growth on the grazed area. Any weed growth occurring behind can be addressed and all manure removed.

## Topping

One of the most satisfying aspects of grassland management is keeping weeds in check giving summer pastures a boost. It simply consists of cutting unnecessary seed heads therefore stimulating vigorous growth. Most weeds don't like being cut, so topping in July, before seed drop, results in them becoming exhausted and perish. Poisonous ragwort becomes more palatable to stock when cut and dried. So the plants should be pulled up and burnt before the clusters of yellow flowers appear. An environmental method of ridding your pasture of ragwort is to graze it hard with sheep in spring.

## Harrowing

Grassland benefits from harrowing early in the season, dispersing mole hills, raking moss or weeds and more importantly letting air and light to the base of the sward benefiting the finer grasses.

## Re-seeding

Normally Suregrow ensures a healthy grass root system and poached areas will regenerate, for heavily damaged areas use Suregrow Specialist Paddock Grass Seed.

A well maintained paddock will provide the owner with healthy horses, lower feed costs and an intense feeling of satisfaction.



Hickstead main arena

