



Budget Horse Mix

Southedge Seeds recognises that feeding horses is an expensive business. Combine this with the fact that many tropical pastures species are high in oxalates that cause big head and major headaches to their owners. Southedge Seeds has used its extensive pasture knowledge to combine both grass and legume species, with the main goal being a highly palatable, high protein pasture mixture.

Checklist

- ✓ **Quick initial establishment**
- ✓ **Tolerates soil type variation**
- ✓ **Grows in a range of rainfall zones**
- ✓ **Ability to choke out weeds**
- ✓ **Extends the feed value with the combination of grasses and legumes (such as Rhodes Grass, Humidicola & Stylhay to name a few)**
- ✓ **High dry matter production**
- ✓ **Highly palatable**
- ✓ **High in protein**
- ✓ **Sufficient legume content to fix nitrogen to the soil**
- ✓ **Sowing Rate - A 10kg bag will cover 4000m² or 1 acre**
- ✓ **Pack Size - 10kg**

Environment

The components of this mixture are all tropical species, that are suited to areas that receive greater than 800mm of summer rainfall. Considerable plant growth will continue into winter months, with a large percentage of the plant growth occurring in spring and summer. This mixture will tolerate light frosts, however continued heavy frost will result in some plant death.

Soil Type

Southedge Seeds Budget Horse Mix will tolerate a wide range of soil types from free draining light loams through to heavier textured clay / loam soils. Intermittent water logging will be tolerated however, and there are components within the mixture that will tolerate extended water logging. It is tolerant of low fertility soils, particularly those low in nitrogen. Annual applications of phosphorus based fertiliser will be required to maintain the legume component, which will in turn

provide the necessary nitrogen that the grasses will require to remain productive and palatable.

Establishment

Best plant establishment is achieved with a finely work seed bed, however, the mixture could also be sown into a pre existing pasture that has been sprayed out with Roundup®. Seed to soil contact is critical to ensure quick germination after rain or irrigation. This can be achieved with a finely worked seedbed by rolling the soil before and after seeding or slashing the dead plant growth after seeding in a sprayed out situation.

Grazing should not occur until the plants have such a root hold that they cannot be pulled out and preferable after seeding.

Store unused seed in a cool dry environment to maximize its shelf life. However, pasture seed is unpredictable especially in tropical conditions.



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