



Horse Pastures For The Wet Tropics



Humidicola

In the wet tropics, Humidicola is probably one of the most widely used horse grass, especially in areas that are subjected to extended periods of water logging. Whilst it is extremely vigorous once established, Humidicola is extremely slow in establishing, sometimes taking up 2 years for a stand to become fully established.

Stylhay™
Stylhay™ is a wet coast perennial stylo, with soft textured leaf and stem, making it widely accepted by horses. Known for its tolerance to 2,4-D herbicide, Stylhay™ is suitable for use in paddocks where broadleaf weeds maybe an issue.



Cardillo Centro

Cardillo Centro is a low growing, twining tropical, perennial legume well suited to the wet tropics, being able to compete with Humidicola. Being a legume, it is high in protein and also fixes nitrogen to the soil, supplementing the companion grasses.

Argentine Bahia
When presentation is just as important as the pasture, Argentine Bahia is the grass of choice in the wet tropics. Not only does Argentine produce reasonable quantities of highly palatable feed, it also doubles as an excellent lawn grass species, as it is hard wearing. Pregnant mares should not graze Argentine Bahia if in seed, as seed ergot can cause abortion of the foal. Grows well on light acid soils.



Jarra Grass

Jarra Grass is a highly palatable, soft leaved tropical grass specie, closely related to Pangola. Unlike Pangola, Jarra can be planted by seed and is generally recommended to be planted as a pure stand, as preferential grazing will occur, leading to the demise of the Jarra Grass population. Growth is primarily during the wet season providing high dry matter yields and responds well to applications of Urea.



Bolton 495™ Pinto Peanut

Bolton 495™ Pinto Peanut is a new release cultivar from Southedge Seeds, suitable for horse pastures in the tropics. Bolton 495™ is a high yielding, high protein, highly digestible tropical pasture legume suitable for heavy grazing as done by horses. Pinto Peanut is a long term pasture legume that sets nuts below the ground allowing it to spread over time. It is suitable to most soil types and will tolerate periods of water logging and can be planted by itself or in combination with grass species. Planting of Bolton 495™ does require reasonable soil preparation to ensure successful establishment, and the seed does need to be inoculated to allow for successful nitrogen fixation. Once established, Bolton 495™ will spread throughout the paddock.



Keppel Couch

Keppel Couch is a naturalized grass specie suited to the drier wet tropics. Its low growth habit and overall hardiness makes it ideal for horse paddocks, as it withstands constant grazing. Being a couch type grass, it spreads by rhizomes eventually providing a full ground cover. It is easily identified with its distinct aroma.

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Rhodes Grass

Katambora Rhodes and Callide Rhodes Grass are commonly planted horse pasture grass species. In order to gain maximum production and utilization it is strongly advised that they are kept well grazed and not allowed to get too rank. Grow well with Stylhay in a pasture system. Rhodes Grass will provide growth all year round.