

Specialty Seed's Dryland seed mixes

The following seed mixes are ones that have taken so long to find and develop I wondered if I'd ever get there pre-retirement.

I'm happy to say I think I've achieved it with retirement still a long way away presuming a Lotto win doesn't come along and stuff everything up.

Dryland mix - Spring sowing

Recommended sowing rate: 20 kgs/ha

- Cocksfoot
- Phalaris
- Lucerne (winter active)
- White clover x Caucasian clover cross
- Plantain



Dryland mix - Autumn sowing

Recommended sowing rate: 25 kgs/ha

- Cocksfoot
- Phalaris
- Lucerne (winter active)
- White clover x Caucasian clover cross
- Plantain
- Sub clover (one early maturing + one late maturing)

I think my journey to find a suitable dry land mix started way back during the droughts of the late 80's. During this time many new cultivars came through as the wonder cure for dry land farmers however they normally required such special management that they often ended in tears and I think it's fair to say they side tracked us for a long time. As you will see from the mixes above they don't re-invent the wheel but simply use what we deep down knew were the products to use.

I have been mindful that these mixes should include deep rooting plants that by in large don't require grazing management a lot different from normal pasture management. I have come up with two mixes one for spring sowing and one for autumn sowing, the only difference being the autumn one includes sub clover. The photo below will show you just how good these mixes can work when done right.

For more information on these mixes please [contact us](#).



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