

# Grass Seed Mixtures 2018

#### Drinagh Permanent Grazing

An excellent grazing mixture suited towards slightly heavier soil types. The higher proportion of diploid varieties in this mix will produce a thick dense sward, while also delivering outstanding digestibility and persistency. Drinagh Permanent Grazing contains varieties with excellent quality for increased intakes and animal performance.

| Variety      |                 | Quantity |
|--------------|-----------------|----------|
| AberChoice   | Late Diploid    | 4.5kg    |
| Astonenergy  | Late Tetraploid | 3.5kg    |
| Drumbo       | Late Diploid    | 3kg      |
| Clover Blend |                 | 1kg      |
|              | 29% Tetraploid  | 12kg     |

### Drinagh D74 Grazing

Our premium grazing mixture has been formulated to provide exceptional digestibility and palatability by selecting the best possible varieties available. These top varieties exploit the key traits needed to increase output and profit – DMD% (quality), WSC% (sugars), seasonal growth and persistency. Trialled under Irish growing conditions, the quality and performance of the varieties of the Drinagh D74 mixture is reflected in their position in the Department of Agriculture Recommended List and the Teagasc Pasture Profit Index (PPI).

| Variety    |                            | Quantity |
|------------|----------------------------|----------|
| Abergain   | Late Tetraploid            | 5.5kg    |
| AberChoice | Late Diploid               | 4kg      |
| Drumbo     | Late Diploid               | 2.5kg    |
|            | 46% Tetraploid             | 12kg     |
| Ava        | ilable with or without clo | ver      |

## Drinagh Superior Silage

This mixture is specifically selected to produce two high quality cuts of silage. With a narrow range in heading dates between varieties and a mean heading date of 29th of May, this mixture is ideally suited to a first cut in late May optimising yield and quality. While producing exceptional yield and quality, the Drinagh Superior Silage mixture also delivers on persistency and longevity. All varieties in the mix have excellent Spring and Autumn growth, providing good grazing options.

| Variety        |                         | Quantity |
|----------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Seagoe         | Intermediate Tetraploid | 4.5kg    |
| Astonconqueror | Intermediate Diploid    | 4kg      |
| Moira          | Intermediate Diploid    | 3.5kg    |
|                | 37% Tetraploid          | 12kg     |

#### Drinagh Reclamation & Heavy Land

This mixture is intended for peaty or heavy soils. By carefully selecting a blend of certified varieties with a strong emphasis on ground cover and persistency, a very dense, thick sward can be established. This can result in extra performance and output on even the most challenging of soils.

|                 | Quantity  |
|-----------------|---|
| Late Diploid    | 4kg   |
| Late Diploid    | 3kg   |
| Late Diploid    | 2.5kg   |
| Late Tetraploid | 2kg   |
|                 | 0.5kg   |
| 21% Tetraploid  | 12kg  |
|                 | Late Diploid<br>Late Diploid<br>Late Tetraploid |

#### **Mixtures to Order**

Drinagh can cater for specialized mixtures using any combination of grass seeds off the Irish Recommended List. These mixtures can include:

- Hybrid grasses Monocultures (single variety)
- Overseeding mixtures GLAS approved Mixtures
- Amenity mixtures are also available in store (suitable for lawns, parks, etc.)

#### **Teagasc Pasture Profit Index (PPI)**

The Pasture Profit Index is a model for grass variety selection and evaluation. It assigns an economic value to a grass variety using the following traits.

- Seasonal dry matter production (Spring, Summer and Autumn)
- Quality
- Silage dry matter production
- Variety persistency

All data used in the compilation of this Index has been generated from data within the Simulated Grazing (frequent cutting and general purpose) protocol in the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) Recommended List Trials. The top ranked varieties in the Drinagh grass seed mixtures include:

- » AberChoice: Highest ranked late diploid for quality on the PPI
- » AberGain: Highest ranked late tetraploid for quality on the PPI
- » **Drumbo:** Exceptional seasonal growth and only behind AberChoice in the PPI ranking
- » Astonenergy: Outstanding Summer and Autumn growth with excellent palatability
- » **Seagoe**: Highest ranked intermediate variety for silage quality
- » Astonconqueror: Excellent seasonal growth and one of the highest ranked varieties for silage quality
- » **Moira:** Best ranked variety on the PPI for spring growth with outstanding silage quality
- » **Clanrye:** Ground cover is excellent and scores highly for persistency
- » Kintyre: High ground score and very good seasonal growth
- » Glenroyal: A very persistent variety and a very good ground score.

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