



Flex Forage Pea



Advance Seed

Flexible enough for Forage, Bio-cover crop and Wildlife markets

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A white flower pea that will do well whether planted in spring or autumn. FLEX is a green cotyledon, leaf type – long-vined plant that is less hard-seeded than purple-flowering forage varieties.

- ✓ FLEX peas out-yield most other pea varieties and are faster-starting
- ✓ Grows best in cooler climates
- ✓ High protein forage for grazing or haylage/baleage
- ✓ Supplement with grass hay or plant with oats, spring triticale, or spring barley for added effective fibre and a slower digestion rate. Alone, the feed value is comparable to lucerne hay





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Adapted Area

Very versatile pea; should perform well anywhere

Establishment

Seeding rate 80-100kg/Ha

Seeding depth of 2-2.5cm

Seeding dates: early spring / late summer

Advantages

Exceptional forage growth, superior frost tolerance, small seeded - white flowered (less hard seed issues than purple flowered types), very palatable and highly digestive, excellent seedling vigour, stooling capabilities, late maturing leaf type plant. FLEX'S white flower indicates that it is free of tannins.

Cutting management

If planted with a small grain, harvest when the grain is at boot stage for best quality, otherwise harvest at flowering. Pea grain can also be harvested and ground to replace protein like soya bean meal.



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Key Attributes:

- Exceptional forage growth
- White flowered for better palatability and digestibility
- Seedling vigour more like spring pea
- Stooling capability like winter pea
- Late flowering like winter pea





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Forage:

The late flowering of FLEX, similar to a winter pea, allows it to match up with the maturity of an oat or triticale in a blend better than any other spring forage pea. FLEX'S white flowered characteristic brings better palatability and digestibility when compared to a coloured flowered pea. Late flowering and white flowers mean better quality. FLEX'S stooling capability comes from its winter pea parent, and along with smaller seed size can lower seeding rate and cost per Ha. Now add in high forage yield and we have a great spring forage pea.





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Bio Cover Crop:

The high yield of forage growth of FLEX along with the good seedling vigour are a major plus when used for bio cover crop plantings. Add in the strong stooling characteristic where more than one vine originates from each seed and there is greater efficiency from each seed for your cover crop. An added bonus with FLEX is that it has modest winter hardiness and will hold up longer into the fall than a standard spring pea.





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Wildlife Plantings:

Research has shown that having both a winter pea and a spring pea in a wildlife planting improves the durability of the pasture. By adding a third variety like FLEX which has stronger spring growth, but modest winter hardiness makes this blend more versatile. FLEX which is also free of tannins, makes this blend more digestible for any game utilising this feed.

