

Multi-species Suitability Checklist

Farm Selection

Has the farm been soil tested?

No

Start soil testing programme:
Optimum soil fertility is a requirement for multi-species swards.

Yes

Is there a soil fertility plan on the farm?

No

Put a soil fertility plan in place:
This is an essential tool to maximise output and profitability from your farm.

Yes

Field Selection

Is the area identified dry and not prone to poaching?

No

Consider a different location:
Multi-species do not recover well after poaching.

Yes

Is soil fertility optimum?
(pH 6.3+. P & K. Index 3 or 4)

No

Address soil fertility before proceeding:
Multi-species establishment requires good soil fertility.

Yes

Will weed control be required in the established sward (docks or thistles) or soft weeds during establishment?

Yes

Address weed control before proceeding:
Treat established docks and thistles (paying attention to following crop guidelines on product label). Consider stale seedbed techniques for soft weed control during emergence.

No

Suitable for multi-species establishment



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