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Thinking of sub-tropical perennials?

Now is the time to start preparing your paddock. Farm research group Evergreen provides a list of must do's for perennial pasture establishment.

Timing:

- Sow between August 15 and 30.
- Only sow when there is a full profile of moisture

Preparation:

- **100% weed control** – 2 sprays – 1st 6-8 weeks prior to seeding, targeting broadleaves; 2nd 1-2 weeks prior to seeding - complete knockdown with insecticide
- Maintain some ground cover at seeding – the above spray pattern will promote ground cover by leaving grass removal until just prior to seeding

Equipment:

- Furrow sow (converted culti-trash or scalping points); contractors available with modified gear
- Shallow seed placement 5-10mm
- Use press wheels
- Sow at slow speed 5-8km/h

Other tips:

- Use fertiliser as a carrier for seed as required
- Purchase quality seed – watch for dormancy
- Insect monitoring and control
- Kangaroo and rabbit control
- No grazing in first 6-9 months

There is NACC funding available to establish perennial pastures. The site area is a minimum of 20ha up to a maximum of 80ha. Incentives include fencing, establishment costs, watering points and industry membership, with up to a maximum of \$10,600 per site.

Current stock on hand includes:

Finecut Rhodes – propagates by both seed and runner, providing a good capacity for stabilizing soils and increasing density of sward. Rhodes has less quality but provides much of the bulk in a mixed sward

Gatton Panic – quality component of sward. Gatton establishes more readily with good first season yields.

More-feed Summer Perennial – mixture of:

- Rhodes – Callide, Katambora
- Panic – Gatton, Bambatsi
- Setaria – Kazungula, Splenda
- Others – Kikuyu, signal grass, giant Bermuda couch

If you are interested in these varieties or any others please contact us.

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