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SFI & Environmental Seed Brochure

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Your AF Seed Team can offer far more than just cereals. Through our strong, long-standing relationships with trusted suppliers across the country, we can source a wide range of SFI mixes, environmental seed and specialist grasses tailored to your farm.

Whether you're looking to meet the Sustainable Farming Incentive requirements or enhance soil health, biodiversity and stewardship across your land, we're here to make the process cost-effective and straightforward.

For current availability, mix options or a tailored quotation, please get in touch with the team:



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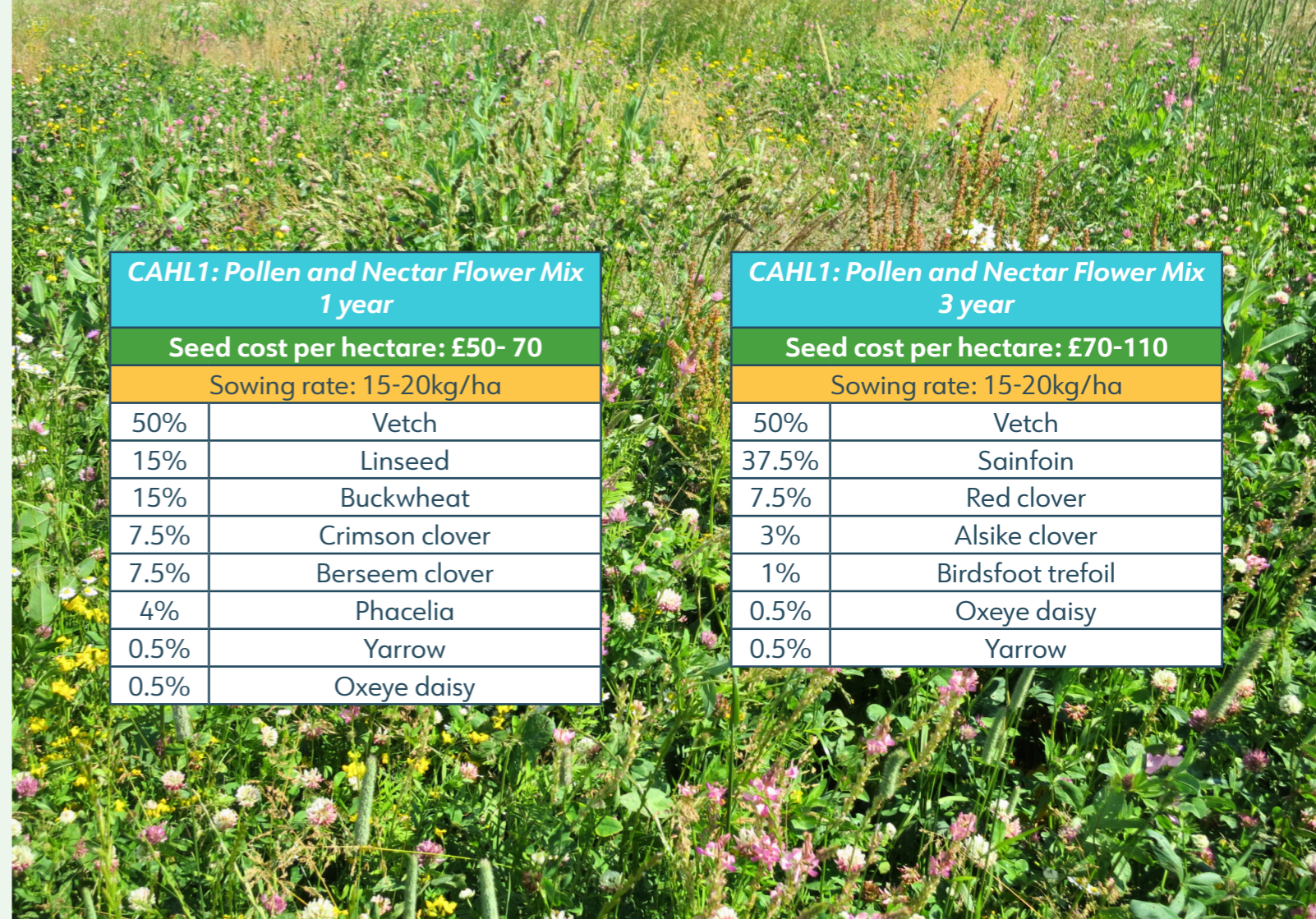
Popular SFI Mixes

Actions for Farmland Wildlife

CAHL1: Pollen and Nectar Flower Mix

Key aims:

- To provide food for beneficial pollinators, such as bumble bees, solitary bees, butterflies and hoverflies
- To encourage natural crop pest predators as part of an integrated pest management approach if located close to cropped areas.



CAHL1: Pollen and Nectar Flower Mix 1 year	
Seed cost per hectare: £50- 70	
Sowing rate: 15-20kg/ha	
50%	Vetch
15%	Linseed
15%	Buckwheat
7.5%	Crimson clover
7.5%	Berseem clover
4%	Phacelia
0.5%	Yarrow
0.5%	Oxeye daisy

CAHL1: Pollen and Nectar Flower Mix 3 year	
Seed cost per hectare: £70-110	
Sowing rate: 15-20kg/ha	
50%	Vetch
37.5%	Sainfoin
7.5%	Red clover
3%	Alsike clover
1%	Birdsfoot trefoil
0.5%	Oxeye daisy
0.5%	Yarrow



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CAHL2: Winter Bird Food

Key aims:

- To provide food resources for smaller farmland birds, especially in late autumn and winter
- To encourage flowering plants in the summer, which will benefit insects including bumblebees, solitary bees, butterflies and hoverflies
- To support an integrated pest management approach if located close to cropped areas.

Cereal-free mixes also available.

CAHL2: Winter Bird Food 1 year	
Seed cost per hectare: £60-90	
Sowing rate: 40kg/ha	
40%	Spring triticale
28%	Spring barley
15%	Spring wheat
10%	Fodder radish
5%	White millet
2%	Red millet

CAHL2: Winter Bird Food 2 year	
Seed cost per hectare: £80-100	
Sowing rate: 40kg/ha	
45%	Spring triticale
20%	Spring barley
15%	Spring wheat
7%	Kale
4%	Fodder radish
4%	White millet
3%	Quinoa
2%	Red millet



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CAHL3: Grassy Field Corners or Blocks

Key aims:

- To create a grassy field corner or block with an intact grass sward throughout the year, without tracks, compacted areas or poaching
- To provide year-round habitat for a range of wildlife
- To support an integrated pest management approach if located close to cropped areas.

Options without cocksfoot available.



CAHL3 – Grassy Field Corners, Buffer Strip and Beetle Bank	
Seed cost per hectare: £80-120	
Sowing rate: 20kg/ha	
60%	Strong creeping red fescue
20%	Tall fescue
15%	Slender creeping red fescue
5%	Cocksfoot



CNUM3 – 1 Year Annual Rotational Legume Fallow	
Seed cost per hectare: £45-£60	
Sowing rate: 15-20kg/ha	
50%	Vetch
15%	Linseed
15%	Buckwheat
7.5%	Crimson clover
7.5%	Berseem clover
5%	Phacelia

CNUM3 – 1-3 Year Sown Legume Fallow	
Seed cost per hectare: £70-£90	
Sowing rate: 15-20kg/ha	
40%	Perennial ryegrass
35%	Vetch
5%	Crimson clover
5%	Red clover
5%	Sainfoin
2.5%	Birdsfoot trefoil
2.5%	Lucerne
5%	Berseem clover



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Actions for Nutrient Management

CNUM3: Legume Fallow

Key aims:

- To provide green cover over the winter months
- To manage nutrient efficiency and improved soil health
- To provide food for farmland wildlife, such as pollen and nectar for pollinators and farmland birds
- To support an integrated pest management approach by reducing grass weeds and, if located close to cropped areas, encourage natural crop pest predators.

Options without ryegrass available.



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Actions for Integrated Pest Management

CIPM2: Flower-rich Grass Margins, Blocks or In-field Strips

Key aims:

- To encourage natural crop pest predators as part of an integrated pest management approach if located close to cropped areas
- To provide habitat and foraging sites for invertebrates, including natural crop pest predators, wild pollinators such as bumblebees, solitary bees, butterflies and hoverflies, and farmland birds.



CIPM2: Flower-rich Grass Margins

Seed cost per hectare: £100-250

Sowing rate: 20kg/ha

40%	Strong creeping red fescue
25%	Chewings fescue
15%	Hard fescue
5%	Smooth stalk meadow grass
3.75%	Sainfoin
3.75%	Vetch
3%	Crimson clover
2.5%	Red clover
0.5%	Birdsfoot trefoil
0.5%	Ribwort plantain
0.25%	Lucerne
0.25%	Alsike clover
0.25%	Yarrow
0.25%	White clover



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Oilseed Rape Companion Crops

Companion crops for oilseed rape are to help support an integrated pest management (IPM) approach, provide habitat for birds and invertebrates, manage nutrient efficiency, protect the soil and improve its condition.

Companion crops are susceptible to frost and will die off during the winter.

Available as straights or mixes.



Lifago buckwheat

- Lifago is a different species to conventional buckwheat, particularly suited to be grown as a companion crop with oilseed rape
- Sow 10kg/ha.

Tabor berseem clover

- Tabor berseem clover is an annual, nitrogen-fixing legume often used in forage or green manures as a key variety for companion cropping with oilseed rape
- Sow at 15kg/ha.

Fenugreek

- Fenugreek produces a natural odour to deter flea beetle from the oilseed rape crop
- Sow 10kg/ha.



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Game Cover and Straights

We can source a full range of straight seeds and bespoke mixes to suit any situation, including:

Vetch

- Will fix substantial amounts of nitrogen, which is easily accessible for future crops
- Sow at 50kg/ha.

White mustard

- A relatively cheap, highly versatile cover crop either sown alone or as a companion to other species. White mustard is ideal for early cover
- Sow at 15kg/ha.



Stubble turnips

- Fast-growing, high-protein, and palatable catch crop, ready to graze within 10–14 weeks of sowing
- Sow at 5kg/ha.

Standard sunflowers

- Producing benefits for pollinators, sunflowers can be used as a straight or in a game cover mixture
- Sow at 12kg/ha.

Game cover mixes

- Maize blends or mixtures of other species to give a full season of cover and a supply of food
- Various seed rates.



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Grasses

We can procure a vast range of grass mixes from quality amenity grasses for gardens and landscaping to durable, productive mixes for livestock grazing.

Prices vary depending on order volume and the specific composition of each mix, so speak to the team for a tailored quotation.

Please note: supply of westerwolds and ryegrasses are expected to be tight this season, so we anticipate upward pressure on prices.



Economy amenity grass

- Fast germination and very durable
- Includes: 95% perennial ryegrass and 5% strong creeping red fescue
- Sow at 25-50 grams/m² (20kg covers 400-800 m²).

Premier amenity grass

- Fast germination and premium appearance
- Includes: 20% amenity perennial ryegrass, 20% amenity perennial ryegrass, 15% chewings fescue, 40% creeping red fescue, 5% highland bent
- Sow at 50 grams/m² (20kg covers 400 m²).

Standard horse paddock grass

- Quick establishment and very palatable
- Includes: 20% early perennial ryegrass, 40% intermediate perennial ryegrass, 15% late perennial ryegrass, 20% strong creeping red fescue and 5% timothy
- Sow at 13kg/acre.

Long term permanent pasture

- Suitable for cattle, sheep and poultry grazing with an option of cutting
- Includes: 25% intermediate tetraploid ryegrass, 15% intermediate diploid ryegrass, 30% late diploid ryegrass, 20% late tetraploid ryegrass, 10% timothy
- Options with clover available
- Sowing rate: 14kg/acre.



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