

**CROPCO**



**Seeds  
2020**

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Welcome to our 2020 Seeds booklet which aims to give you an insight into our complete seed portfolio. At CROPCO we want you to receive the best possible advice when choosing your varieties. From rotational planning and variety selection through to the delivery of your seeds, our dedicated staff are here to help every step of the way. With our own storage and distribution network you can rely on us to fulfil your order in a timely and professional manner.

To find out more, please call us on 01787 238200 and speak to one of our team.



# Cereals

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Selecting the right mix of varieties for your farming enterprise is central to your farm profitability. We want to understand your soil type, local market opportunities, historical cropping & performance and any storage limitations. To give you best advice we'll discuss target drilling dates, position in the rotation and end market objectives as well as recommending seed treatments, seed rates and a drilling order.

Working together means our decisions will be better.

Our complete range of Cereal Seeds includes:

- New Varieties
- Mainstream varieties
- Hybrid Wheat, Barley & Rye



## Pulses

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Pulse crops broaden your rotation, providing you with more first wheat opportunities.

Peas offer a wide range of specific market outlets and are best suited to the lighter soils on your farm where a timely harvest can typically be achieved. Variety choice and end market are directly linked so it's best to have a clear end market in mind before committing to grow Peas.

Winter Beans provide increased cropping opportunities on heavier soils, although end markets are limited.

Spring Beans present you with more market options.



## Oilseeds

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For Winter OSR, initially we should forget variety choice! Instead we should consider whether field conditions are going to give you reliable establishment. Good seed bed conditions and moisture are essential for this. If one of these is lacking, we suggest you don't sow OSR as the chance of a successful and profitable crop is highly unlikely.

The lack of any direct control of Flea Beetle can make establishing a crop almost impossible. Varieties with strong establishment vigour and rapid Spring development will help. Use of Clearfield varieties can assist with crop establishment where herbicide residues are still present from a previous crop.



## Companion crops

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There are many benefits to companion cropping including use as a fertiliser, pest control and weed control. Maize can be under-sown with grass or legumes providing a post-harvest cover crop to prevent soil erosion and leaching of nutrients as it stabilises the soil.

Companion crops such as millet can also provide increased warmth and shelter for maize and sorghum. Oilseed rape can be grown with a companion crop, clover or vetch to return nitrogen and organic matter to the soil. Options and grower objectives are numerous; please tell us your experiences.



## Grass mixtures

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With a standard range of over 30 grass seed mixtures we should have something suitable and ready to deliver. If not, we're able to offer a range of specialist tailor-made mixtures.

Our main range comes complete with Headstart Gold seed treatment. This accelerates seedling establishment and improves rooting, giving your new grass ley the best start possible. To offer you our best advice we need to understand how you want to utilise your grass and for how many years. Just give us a call.



## Forage Crops

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With so many Forage Maize varieties being sold in the UK it's impossible to compare them all. Select by maturity group, starch content and overall yield. Good soil conditions avoiding **COMPACTION** are essential to growing a successful Maize crop.

We stock a range of: Stubble Turnips, Forage Rape, Forage Rye, Kale, Swede & Fodder Beet; please ask.





## Wildflowers

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Our selected wildflower mixtures are “Perfect for Pollinators”. Start by soil sampling your chosen site; we should test soil nutrient levels as well as acidity. Mixtures should be sown between March and May or during August and September.

The established sward should be cut every six to eight weeks during its first full season and the cuttings removed. This will prevent the grass from crowding out the slower growing wildflowers.



## Game Cover

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Our selection of game cover crops each have their own advantages. Some have compact growing habits to allow straight beating lines, while others screen the guns allowing them to get in position without disturbing the birds.

There are also environmental benefits for wildlife and seeds mixtures with herbicide tolerance. Many mixtures can contribute to your Countryside Stewardship Scheme.



## Amenity

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From bowling greens to rugby pitches, mixture selection is crucial. Whether your lawn is for croquet or your dog and the kids you'll be pleased you called us.

As you can probably imagine, there's a mixture for every circumstance. We can advise on establishment methods, sowing rates and even put you in touch with local landscapers and contractors.





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