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NEWSLETTER

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ANIMAL HEALTH PROBLEMS! —TRY NON RYEGRASS PASTURES

We specialise in Non-Ryegrass pasture mixes to suit most situations with emphasis on early growth species. Our seed mixes typically contain a minimum of 10 species of grass, legumes and herbs, all to complement each other and provide quality grazing over a longer period than simply ryegrass/white clover pastures. Grasses included are tall fescues, cocksfoot, brome grass, phalaris and timothy, all deep rooting true perennial species. Legumes include different annual and perennial clovers, lucerne, birdsfoot trefoil and a selection of herbs.

Non-Ryegrass pastures are less prone to insect attack, grass staggers and animal health problems than ryegrass based pastures. They contain a greater level of minerals than shallow rooted ryegrass/white clover mixes, are true perennial pastures. Early flowering species must be planted in the autumn (1st March - 30th April). Experience has proved this time and again.

Talk to Bruce or Maren here at Kiwi Seed for more information and a quote.



What are you and the kids having this Christmas for Breakfast, Santa pancakes or healthy toasty owl?

Both look delicious.



Santa pancake

- Make a pancake
- Use sliced banana for his beard
- whipped cream and strawberries or raspberries for a hat and nose.
- A large Marshmallow and a purple grape cut in half create Santa's eyes

Toasty owl

- 1 slice of toast of your choice, shape the toast
- Spread a thin layer of Uncle Joe's Hazelnut spread
- Garnish with slices of Kiwifruit for wings and Christmas tree, bananas and raisins for eyes and Strawberries slices for owl beak and feet,
- bread crust serves as a tree trunk

<http://blessedbeyondcrazy.com/cute-christmas-breakfast-ideas-kids/>

All animals need access to plenty of clean water especially during the hot part of the year.

We have got solutions for your birds, cats and dogs in store.



Don't forget our **LOYALTY CARD.**

Buy 10 x 25kg of Layers Meal and receive **1 free!**



Out in the garden December

Keep your garden well watered and water before your plants start to wilt to minimize their stress. Best time is between 4am and 10am. Adding Compost will help retain soil moisture and top up nutrients.

Lift spring flowering bulbs once the leaves have died down and store in a cool dry place. Neem tree granules should be added to the soil at planting time, alternatively can be applied to the ground surface before insect are present. Neem assists in controlling nematodes, mealy bugs, psyllid and white butterflies. As Grass Grub treatment sprinkle Neem tree granules (50 g/ sqm) over recently mowed lawns and water in now and again in Autumn early winter.

Prune roses lightly for longer flowering and water well. Feed with Rose Fertilizer and check for insects and diseases.

Copper sprays are a good way of controlling different diseases in Pip and Stone fruit, make sure you follow the instructions of the label.

Bicarbonate of soda organic fungicide recipe:

Use two litres of water, and a drop of vegetable oil, which helps to fix the spray to the leaf when it's dried. A drop of detergent helps to spread the mix over the leaf. Then add the active ingredient – bicarbonate of soda. Don't get carried away with the soda because if you make it too strong, it'll cause all sorts of problems. Put in two teaspoons per litre. The bicarbonate of soda makes the leaf surface alkaline and this inhibits the germination of fungal spores. You can also use it on tomatoes. The Royal Botanic Gardens in Sydney has found this to be effective on powdery mildew, rust and blackspot on roses.

Still need a gift idea for someone special this Christmas?

How about making a gift basket for the keen gardener?

Choose a couple packets of vegetable seed, a wildflower or cover crop seed mix, add some gloves, birdseed, a bar of organic soap and nourishing hand cream for the hard working soul to spoil themselves at the end of a beautiful day spent in the garden.



**Kiwi Seed will be closed on the following dates over Christmas
24 to 26 December incl and the New Year 31 Dec to 2nd Jan 2018 incl .**

*Wishing you a season of gladness, a
season of cheer and to top it all off a
wonderful year.*

*Merry Christmas
from the team at Kiwi Seed*

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