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NEWSLETTER

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This month is the perfect month here in Marlborough for sowing a perennial mixed species pasture. Existing tired pastures can be revitalised by over sowing small seeded clovers and herbs now. Small seed sits on the ground waiting for the first dews and autumn rains due to arrive soon.

Kiwi Seed permanent mixed species pastures are made to last and are providing feed all year round once they are fully established. These mixes consist of various species, most with large root systems, therefore they take a bit longer to establish. Graze lax during the first winter and spring, allow annual clovers to flower and set seed in the summer, this will fill up your seed bank on your farm. Most of our annual clovers have a very hard seed content. Don't be upset if you don't see the same level of clover the following year. Annual clovers are more persistent than perennial clovers in the long term and will provide plenty of feed once the conditions are right and everything else has disappeared.



Hemp based equine supplements
 produced in Mayfield Canterbury .

- **Essential balanced omegas (3 & 6)**
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 - **Soy free, made in NZ**
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 Shinier coat, improved circulation, stronger hooves, help to build a topline, healthier mane and tail, overall health & well being, improved joint and tissue health.



Caliente Mustard- bred specifically for biofumigation and green manuring

The naturally occurring biofumigant gas (ITC) is produced by the plants when the crop is chopped. Incorporating this compound and the green material into soil results in many benefits including improved soil structure, health and fertility, suppression of various soil-borne diseases and pests and increased soil microbial activity. To create the best biofumigation effect, Caliente Mustard plants must be chopped as finely as possible before immediately incorporating into soil (80% of ITC gas will be lost in 20 min), simply ploughing in the crop will not give the same effect.

What are the benefits of Caliente Mustard?

There are a number of benefits common to all crop types, soil types, climate and situation:

1. Improvements to soil structure, fertility and biodiversity from the green manure effect
2. Provides a good source of nutrition to following crops, recycling nutrients like nitrogen
3. Encourages improved root systems and penetration (of following crop)
4. Measurable yield increases in following crops
5. Weed suppression, mainly of soft seeded annuals, most beneficial to crops following soon after Caliente Mustard incorporation

Benefits to potato, root, vegetable and salad crops:

1. Suppression of a range of soil-borne diseases, including Verticillium wilt, Rhizoctonia spp., Pythium spp., Fusarium spp., and
2. Sclerotinia spp.
3. Suppression of a range of nematodes (eelworms) including some cyst, root knot and free living species. Trials are on-going to determine the effectiveness of Caliente Mustard against Potato Cyst Nematode (eelworm) specifically - May deter wireworm populations
4. May improve skin finish
5. Offers significant reduction in weeding costs, in terms of subsequent herbicide applications, and/or labour for hand/mechanical weeding. This is a particularly important benefit for organic systems.



Caliente Mustard is available here at Kiwi Seed

Clean up your (spring/ summer) veggie patch by sowing Caliente now.

Mow and incorporate when the Mustard starts to flower early spring.



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Maxia Digest**

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Maxia Digest benefits the horse from 3 key aspects:

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