



# Sward Mixtures

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When buying seed mixtures bear in mind that dust and dead seed can account for up to 20% of the contents of poor quality products.

Better quality leys with good intake characteristics and persistent varieties can increase milk yield at pasture by 1-2 litres/cow/day.

Better quality seeds also optimise establishment, offering greater freedom from weeds and better performance.

The specific balance of grass and clover varieties in the mixture should reflect its primary purpose (Figure 1).

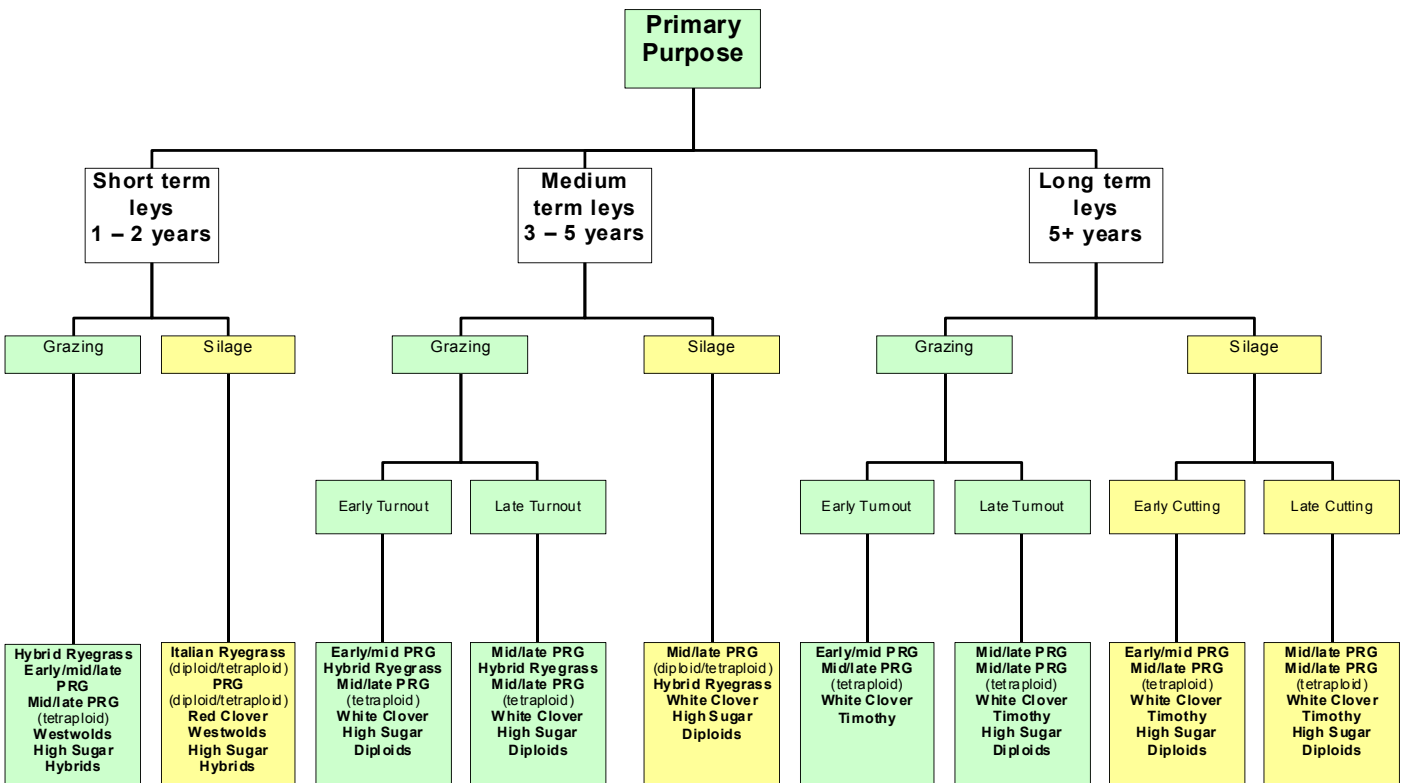
### Seed mixtures should comprise:

- Named varieties to a specific formulation.
- High yielding, high digestibility grasses from the NIAB or SAC recommended lists. Recommended not just tested – recommended guarantees tested quality.
- Grasses with a good disease resistance.
- Grasses with good intake characteristics and varieties shown to be preferentially grazed by cows.
- Grasses that are compatible with white clover.
- Grasses and clovers suited to local conditions – especially where these are drier or wetter than average.

Specific types of perennial, Italian, tetraploid and hybrid ryegrasses, together with cocksfoot and timothy are appropriate for specific needs and growing conditions.

Medium to late-heading perennial ryegrass is essential to maintain quality grazing throughout the season.

Specialist seed and mixtures are available for organic producers.



PRG - Perennial Rye Grass



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