



How to maximize production of your Chico chicory forage crop

- Spraying out of old pasture:** This should be done as early as possible to enable good control of old pasture and weeds. Incorporate Diazinon or Chlorpyrifos insecticide with the glyphosate to control Springtails.
- Seedbed preparation:** A fine, firm, weed-free seedbed should be prepared to enhance germination. Good rolling of the seed bed is important.
- Fertilizer:** Applications of Nitrogen (40kg/ha), Phosphate (45kg/ha), and Potassium (40kg/ha) prior to sowing are essential. Soil pH should also be around 6.0. (300kg/ha of Cropzeal 15P.)
- Sowing date:** The earlier the better! October is the best month to get a good balance of soil moisture and soil temperature.
- Sowing rate:** 6 – 8 kg/ha
- Sowing depth:** 10 mm. Roller drill, or direct drill.
- Weed control:** Annual grass and broadleaf weeds should be sprayed 3-4 weeks after sowing using a combination of *Centurion Plus* (500mls/ha) and *Preside* (50gms/ha plus *Uptake Oil*).
- Insect control:** Immediately before planting a slug population test should be conducted and if over the damage threshold, slug bait should be applied at planting. Insect control should not be needed. However Cropmark Seeds Ltd recommends that Cropcote treated Chico is used.
- Post emergent fertilizer:** Urea (80kg/ha) should be applied at about week 5 to week 6 after germination. Additional applications of urea can be made when ever increased growth is required.

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