

INTERNATIONAL NEWS UPDATE

TROPICAL SUPPLY UPDATE

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Good rains have fallen from mid-October until the end of the month. Then with the storm season officially starting in November, from mid-month until the end of the month the rainfall has been steady in most parts of the state. The tropical moisture surge is aligning for a wetter summer with the emergence of a weak La Nina effect.



A summary of the more popular tropical species is below:

<p>Bermuda Grass <i>(Cynodon dactylon)</i></p>	<p>Due to the poor quantity of seed harvested from the production areas, and demand rising, prices are rising as well. Stocks are extremely limited.</p>
<p>Pensacola Bahia <i>(Paspalum notatum)</i></p>	<p>Stock has become available and ready for export.</p>
<p>Katambora Rhodes Grass <i>(Chloris gayana)</i></p>	<p>Stocks of high quality product are available now becoming limited due to the majority of growers deciding not to take their crops for seed which would normally be harvested in December.</p>
<p>Callide Rhodes Grass <i>(Chloris gayana)</i></p>	<p>High quality and good quantities of stock are in stock.</p>
<p>Japanese/Shirohie Millet <i>(Echinochloa utilis)</i></p>	<p>Good supplies and quality of both Shirohie and Japanese Millet are available.</p>
<p>US, Gayndah and Biloela Buffel <i>(Cenchrus ciliaris)</i></p>	<p>USA Buffel: Limited stock available, quality is good. Gayndah: Good supplies exist, quality is good. Biloela: Very limited stock available.</p>

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Signal Grass <i>(Brachiaria decumbens)</i>	Good stocks of good quality are now available.
Bambatsii Panic <i>(Panicum coloratum)</i>	Good supplies are available.
Gatton Panic <i>(Panicum maximum cv Gatton)</i>	Sold out of product, next harvest will be around March 2018.
Megamax 059 <i>(Panicum maximum)</i>	Sold out of Megamax 059, next harvest around March 2018.
B1 Burgundy <i>(Macroptilium bracteatum)</i>	No stock available due to unfavourable weather leading up to the harvest of B1 Burgundy, Garnet and Presto.
Ebony Cowpea <i>(Vigna unguiculata)</i>	Good supplies of high quality seed are available.
Siran Stylo <i>(Stylosanthes scabra)</i>	Sold out of this legume due to high domestic demand, next harvest is expected around August 2018.
Amiga Stylo <i>(Stylosanthes hamata)</i>	Completely sold out of stock with the next harvest expected around August 2018.
Highworth/Rongai Lablab <i>(Lablab purpureus)</i>	Highworth: Good supplies and quality available. Rongai: Good supplies and quality available.
Aztec Atro <i>(Macroptilium atropurpureum)</i>	No stock available due to poor harvest, however we are confident we will have stock for next season, September 2018.
Whittet Kikuyu <i>(Pennisetum clandestinum)</i>	Stock is sold out. May is expected to be the next month of harvest.
Carpet Grass <i>(Axonopus affinis)</i>	No stock available and will not be available until May 2018.
Splenda Setaria <i>(Sphacelata setaria)</i>	Limited supplies exist, please confirm your requirements as soon as possible.

Ex Mexico

Coated Mulato II <i>(Brachiaria decumbens x Brachiaria ruziziensis x Brachiaria brizantha)</i>	Good quality coated stock is available.
Coated Mombasa Guinea <i>(Panicum Maximum cv Mombasa)</i>	Very limited coated stock available.
Ubon Stylo <i>(Stylosanthes guianensis)</i>	Limited stock is available.

Ex Thailand

Mulato II <i>(Brachiaria decumbens x Brachiaria ruziziensis x Brachiaria brizantha)</i>	Sold out with the next harvests' stock expected to be available in March 2018.
Ubon Stylo <i>(Stylosanthes guianensis)</i>	Sold out with the next harvests' stock expected to be available in March 2018.
Mombasa Guinea <i>(Panicum Maximum cv Mombasa)</i>	Sold out with the next harvests' stock expected to be available in March 2018.
Sunnhemp <i>(Crotalaria juncea)</i>	Sold out with new crop available from late April 2018.

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