

What's in a Name?

Most seed companies offer reclamation mixtures with very similar *names*. However, only Quality Seeds West offers broad-spectrum seed mixtures blended to the highest grade standard for reclamation/revegetation seeding. In 'seed speak', that means excellent germination and purity and low weed counts (*BC Noxious Weed Free!*).

We offer a diverse range of species in our mixtures – most contain 11 to 12 species. So, although the mixtures you buy elsewhere might be *named* similarly to ours (Coastal, Interior, All-Purpose Roadside, and Rapid Cover), what you are actually *buying* can vary dramatically. Make sure you know what you're getting. As mentioned (but it bears repeating) we offer seed mixtures of the highest purity and germination, and lowest weed counts. Our mixtures are blended to grade Common No. 1 Forage. This is actually a much better grade than Canada No. 1 Ground Cover. (We understand that this is sort of confusing; people are used to thinking that Canada No. 1 means the best – and it does – if you're referring to cuts of meat or eggs or apple juice! In the case of blended reclamation/revegetation seed mixtures, however, Common No. 1 Forage is the much better grade by far. This is explained more fully in the letter that follows.)

Now, that said, if you specifically want a Canada No. 1 Ground Cover Mixture, we can easily make it for you. We just don't offer the lower quality as a general rule. We prefer to provide you with the best quality at the very best price. Good quality mixtures will help ensure the seeding success of your project. Basically, it comes down to the old "you get what you pay for" cliché. Cheap, cheap, cheap usually equals low, low, low quality.

If you have any questions whatsoever, please contact our P.Ag, Mr. Bill Awmack, Western Sales Manager. He would be pleased to answer any questions you may have, or quote you on your site-specific, customized seed mixture.

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Dear Valued Customer:

Re: Seed Grades and the Control of Weeds in B.C.

Recently, we have had a number of enquiries from our customers regarding the difference between a Canada No. 1 Ground Cover Mixture and a Common No. 1 Forage Mixture. To clarify this issue, please review the information provided below.

The Canada Seeds Act administered by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) defines seed quality and other seed related issues. Two Tables - Forage Mixtures (Table XIII) and Ground Cover Mixtures (Table XV) cover the type of seed mix normally used in B.C. for erosion control - namely mixes consisting of several grass species combined with a few legume species, e.g. Quality's **KODIAK All-Purpose Roadside mixture**.

For a Canada No. 1 Ground Cover Mixture (Table XV) the specifications are:

25 Primary Noxious Weeds - weeds like Wild Mustard, Canada Thistle, etc.

0.5% Total Weeds by Weight - one-half of 1 percent by weight is **a lot of weeds**.

70.0% Germination Minimum each Component.

59.5% Minimum PLS (Pure Live Seed) - **means 40% of bag weight can be INERT material.**

For a Common No. 1 Forage Mixture (Table XIII) the specifications are:

0 Primary Noxious Weeds

10 Secondary Noxious Weeds - weeds like Chicory, Night Flowering Catchfly

100 Total Weeds per 25 grams

75% Germination Minimum

75-80% Minimum PLS (Pure Live Seed) on most components.

Quality Seeds West believes that Common No. 1 Forage Mixtures are better seed mixes for erosion control of B.C. land, primarily due to their much lower weed content. In fact, our house KODIAK revegetation seed mixtures were designed with this in mind. Three (3) of them grade as Common No. 1 Forage mixtures; the fourth, our KODIAK Rapid Cover Revegetation Mixture, grades as a Canada No. 1 Ground Cover Mixture but only because it has a grain component of 35% Fall Rye. Any seed mixture with grain in it **MUST** grade as a Canada No. 1 Ground Cover Mixture. However, all the other components of the mixture meet Canada No. 1 Forage grade.

For a complete listing of B.C. noxious weeds, we highly recommend you consult "Field Guide to Noxious and Other Selected Weeds of British Columbia" produced jointly by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food and the Ministry of Forests, and available on the web at www.agf.gov.bc.ca/cropprot/weedguid/weedguid.htm.

If you have any questions, or would like to request a quotation and/or place an order, please call us locally in Langley at 604-574-7333 or Toll Free at 1-888-770-7333. We would be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

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