

Blue Lupins Summary

Varieties:	Homer / Roland / Regent
Yield:	1.0 to 1.5 tonnes per acre
Crude Protein content:	32 - 34% (Dry Matter Basis)
Drill:	Mid-April
Harvest:	Mid-August to mid-September depending on variety
pH range:	5.0 - 7.4
Seed price:	£60 per acre including inoculant

Fertiliser:

Nitrogen-fixing crop: Normally, no artificial nitrogen is applied. Blue Lupins fix a total of around 230kg/Ha of nitrogen and around 70kg/Ha of this is available for the following crop

P & K requirement: 50kg/Ha (similar to peas) – assess indices

Sprays:

Pre-emergence: Stomp, Gamit and Nirvana can all be used

Post-emergence: Lentagran

Fungicide (if required): Caramba

Graminocides (if required): A number of products can be used: eg, Fulisade, Falcon, etc

Desiccation (if required): Glyphosate

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High world protein prices have underpinned the value of Lupins. They are one of the best break crops you can grow, and they have simple agronomy. Growers in the southern part of England would tend to grow White Lupins over Blue Lupins, whilst growers in the northern half of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland will grow Blue Lupins.

Blue Lupins for Home Use - Home-grown, high-quality protein is more valuable than ever. This is why most Blue Lupins are kept and used as home-grown animal feed.

Blue Lupins for Commercial Buy-Back - We are able to contract a limited amount of Blue Lupins on commercial buy-back. If you want to grow Lupins for sale off the farm, please speak to us about availability of contracts.

Blue Lupins on Seed production contracts - We are seeking high standard arable growers to take on areas for seed production, due to the continuing uptake of Lupins as a crop. Growers must follow agronomy advice, growing instructions and be able to store the resulting crop until the following March. If you have suitable drying and storage, we would like to hear from you.

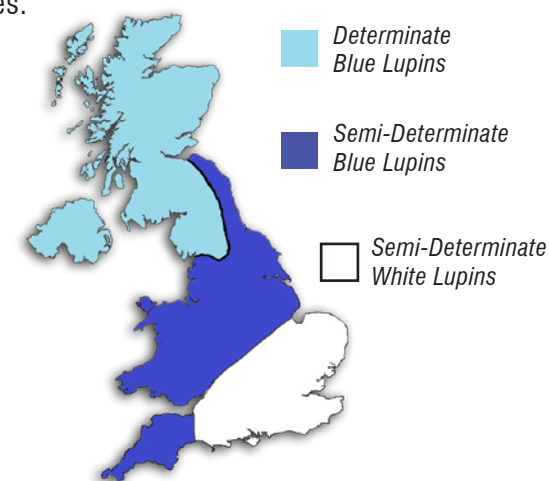
Blue Lupins in Wholecrop Forage Mixes - Blue Lupins are often combined with cereals such as Triticale or Oats to produce a high quality, protein-rich forage.



Blue Lupins offer many advantages...

- Significant premiums over other pulses.
- Easy, straight forward quality criteria.
- Cheap and easy to grow.
- Fantastic break crop. The best wheat crops on the farm are after Lupins.
- Very effective nitrogen-fixing crop.
- Compatible with all other crops in the rotation, including peas, beans, OSR, sugar beet, etc.
- No significant pest or disease issues.
- Spring sown break crop with strong environmental credentials.
- New variety choices of Homer, Regent and Roland.

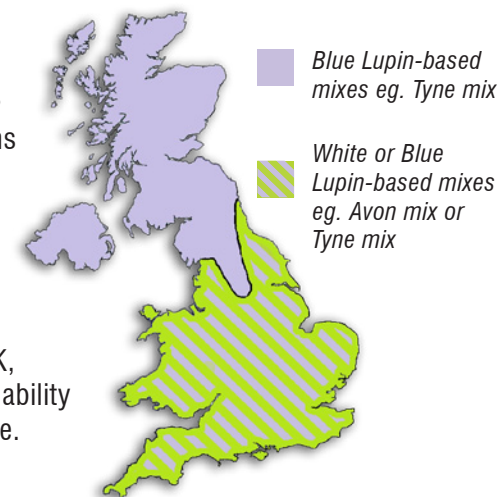
UK Lupin suitability map for dry harvested combining Lupins



Soya UK offer a range of Lupin-based wholecrop forage mixes.

Tyne Mix	Spring Triticale & Blue Lupins
Avon Mix	Spring Triticale & White Lupins
Cherwell Mix	Spring Oats & Blue Lupins
Taymar Mix	Spring Wheat & Blue Lupins
Trent Mix	Spring Wheat & White Lupins

Selector map for Lupin-Based Wholecrop Forage Mixes



For livestock farmers in wetter areas of the UK, where combining Lupins is more difficult, the ability to forage a high quality protein is very valuable.