

FOR YEARS, PASTURE PLUS HAS PERFORMED SO WELL FOR OUR CLIENTS

This Insight shows excellent result from our **Pasture Plus**. This is very unique because it was developed and formulated specifically for grass/clover pastures. I am RLF's South Australian Manager, and am based in the beautiful Adelaide Hills. I have been representing RLF's products to a wide range of broadacre, pasture, horticulture and viticulture clients for over 20 years.

By Ross Coleman



Over that time I have developed a strong clientele base in pastures throughout the Adelaide Hills and Fleurieu Peninsula. For the driest state in one of the driest countries, this area has a comparatively high annual rainfall of 850mm – 1,000mm, and the area mainly consists of dairy, cattle, sheep and alpaca graziers.

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Its main performance attributes are;

- High level of phosphate for improved plant and root energy turnover
- Removal levels of all trace elements critical for pastures and animal health (Zinc, Copper, Manganese, Boron, Molybdenum and Cobalt)
- High level of chelation for efficient plant uptake and transport.

The photographs show the classic in-field benefits our clients observe from Pasture Plus. The excavated grass and clover samples taken from the pasture show on the right hand sample (sprayed with Pasture Plus) the significant improvement in root growth and general vigour. This improved root activity translates to a stronger and more productive plant on top, and this is most evident in both 'Pasture Plus' samples on the right hand side of both photos.

In the 'Pasture Plus' samples we can also observe the darker soil in close proximity to the roots, and this is further evidence that Pasture Plus has a significant influence on rhizosphere of the plant. It instigates a chain reaction from growth promoting Rhizobacteria that result in increased root resistance to disease, better availability of elements such as phosphate and trace elements as well as the build-up of rhizosphere humus and its associated benefits.



Pasture Plus is most effective when it is integrated into the autumn fertiliser program for the pasture. Soil phosphorus, potassium and sulphur levels are ascertained with a soil test and any soil deficiency(s) is dealt with by the early top dress of granular fertiliser (eg Superphosphate, Muriate of Potash, etc). Pasture Plus is then sprayed on the newly emerged pasture to 'energise' it and to also provide all the trace elements that are required for optimum yield and quality. This foliar tank mix most often also includes a compatible herbicide and insecticides, for simultaneous application.

If you have clients that have an animal production phase to their enterprise the best advice I can give is to have them start foliar applying Pasture Plus soon after the pasture germinate, because they too will enjoy the significant benefits the product delivers!

All this culminates in a significant improvement in grazing pasture and hay crop production, both in yield and also in feed quality. The photograph looking across a paddock shows our client's property on the left of the tree line 10 days after being sprayed with Pasture Plus. The neighbour's paddock on the right is not performing to anywhere near the same level of productivity as our client's.

What is most important is that a stronger and more productive pasture provides our clients with the opportunity for significant financial benefit from their animal production enterprise.

Over the years our clients have observed and commented on such things as;

- Generally healthier animals,
- Improved weight gain,
- Improved milk production,
- Improved wool production and quality,
- Improved fertility,
- Reduced hoof problems,
- And much more.