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NEWSLETTER

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Gardening is about enjoying the smell of things growing in the soil, getting dirty without feeling guilty, and generally taking the time to soak up a little peace and serenity. Lindley Karstens

It's spring and already a very busy time in the garden. Please remember there are no mistakes in the garden, only experiments and often the best crops grow on the compost of our experiments. Write down sowing and planting dates etc., start planning and keeping a diary is a good idea for future references.

Growing your own food is not only good for you and your family but the only way to ensure the most healthiest and tastiest food free from fungicides and pesticides comes onto the table. Happy gardening!

**Available from
Kiwi Seed**



What to feed when:

Chick crumble:
birth to 6 weeks of age

Pullet grow meal or Pellets
6 weeks to 20 weeks

Layers Meal
20 weeks onward

Layers Pellets
20 weeks onward

Layers Pellets Extra
(Layers Pellets, grit, wheat,
corn and peas)
20 weeks onward

**Meat bird crumble
designed for**
broilers, turkeys, ducks and
gamebirds.

Kiwi Seed Chook Pellets
 TOP QUALITY, NUTRITIONIST FORMULATED
 including Meat and Bone Meal, 18% Protein and 4% Calcium
 "Your Chooks will love you for it."

*12 amazing herbs for chooks worth
having in the garden.*

Oregano	antibacterial, anti inflammatory benefits
Parsley	vitamin A,B,C Ca and Iron– stimulates egg laying, benefits feather development
Peppermint	antioxidants, healthy airways
Calendula	antifungal, antibacterial, yolk colour
Nettle	improved immune system, blood cleaning, vitamin and minerals, anti worming
Lavendar	relaxing, blood circulation, insect repellent
Majoran	stimulates egg laying, inflammatory, cleansing, blood circulation
Chives	improves digestion and stimulates appetite, antibacterial, iron source
Yarrow	prevents diarrhea, improves digestion and stimulates appetite, detoxing, improves liver function
German chamomile	relaxing, antibacterial, anti inflammatory, antispasmodic, insect repellent,
Fennel	antispasmodic, anti bacterial, stimulates egg laying
Thyme	antibacterial, anti viral, antifungal, anti inflammatory, stimulates appetite

Above herbs can be used as fresh and dried feed, as teas or added to their nesting boxes but don't replace good balanced animal feed. Always consult a vet at first sign of illness.



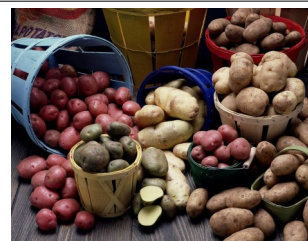
Kiwi Seed stock a range of herb seeds for you to grow in the garden or in pots at home, work or wherever you like. We also have got a good selection of vegetable seeds available.



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Old fashion favourites and some new varieties for you to try at very competitive prices.



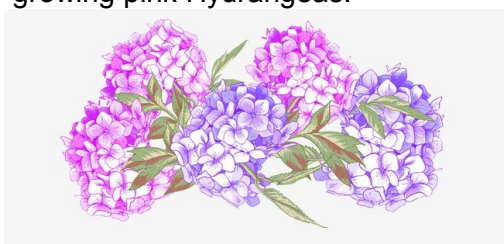
The Spruce



Changing the colours of Hydrangeas through the following tricks:

To change to pink blooms reduce Al uptake of soil

- Add dolomitic lime several times per year (target pH 6.0-6.2).
- Use fertiliser with high phosphorous levels, choose fertiliser like 15-10-10 (phosphorous is the middle number) e.g. crop 15.
- In soils with natural high Al levels consider growing Hydrangeas in large pots. In a pot it will be much easier to control the requirements for growing pink Hydrangeas.



Pramod Banjara

To change to blue blooms Al must be present in the soil

- Aluminium sulphate may be added to soil, be careful not to burn the roots.
- Lower the pH to 5.2- 5.5 to make Al available by adding organic matter (grass clippings, compost). Also aluminium sulphate will reduce the pH levels.
- Use fertiliser low in phosphorus and high in potassium (12-5-14) potassium is the last number— e.g. Nitrophoska.
- Superphosphate and bone meal should be avoided.
- In soils naturally low in Al consider growing Hydrangeas in pots, using lots of compost to bring the pH down.
- Test your irrigation water, pH should not be higher than 5.6.

Limitations to Hydrangeas colour change

- 1) White hydrangeas can NOT be changed to blue or pink.
- 2) If climate is very hot a true red Hydrangea flower is unlikely, no matter how much lime is added.
- 3) Intensity can not be changed, as this depends on variety, weather conditions, plant health.



A good Stock of **pre mixed fertilisers** are always available at Kiwi Seed in various sizes. Our fertiliser range includes:
Lawn, Bulbs, General Garden, Rhododendron, Camelia and Azalea, Citrus, Rose, Potato, Tomato and lots more.

Wildflowers for Marlborough blended here at Kiwi Seed

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