

LIMEX45

grassland

maximise your yields
and crop profitability

LimeX45, produced by
British Sugar, is the ideal
performer to correct soil
acidity and maintain
target pH in
grassland

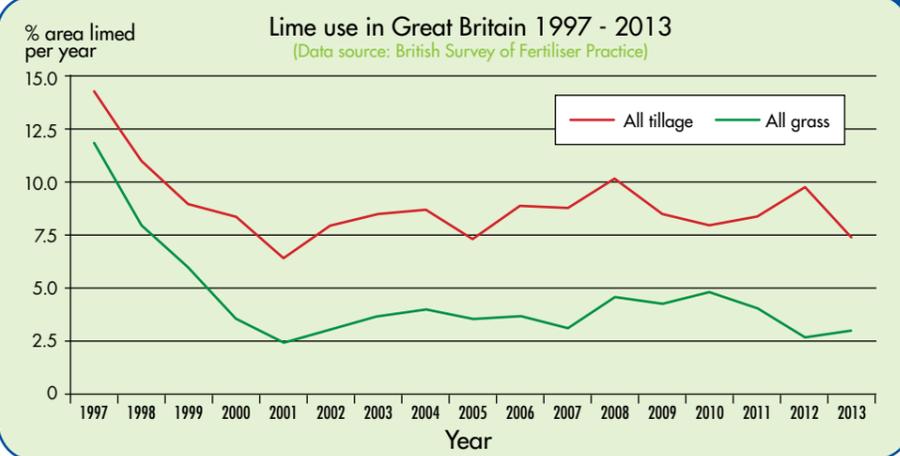


Consult your
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Declining trend in the application of lime

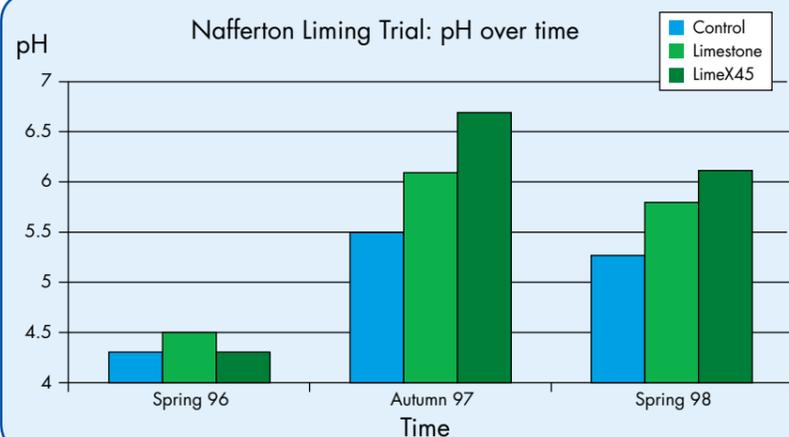
By maintaining the pH of your grassland at the optimum level you can ensure you achieve maximum returns from your crop and livestock. Grassland is highly responsive to lime but frequently gets less attention than arable crops. Published research suggests that grassland has historically received proportionally less lime than arable rotations.



Unfortunately, this liming shortfall is exacerbated by the impact of nitrogen fertiliser and nitrogen mineralisation of organic manures which increase the natural rate of acidification; and the harvesting of herbage removes a much higher quantity of calcium than other crops.

The cumulative effect of these factors is a trend towards greater acidification of grassland resulting in poorer sward composition and ultimately declining yield and quality.

LimeX - the right choice - proven scientifically



Achieving market leadership has been about a commitment to excellence through investment in plant and people and importantly in scientific studies.

Liming trials conducted by the University of Newcastle upon Tyne completed in 1998 demonstrated LimeX45's ability to raise pH more rapidly than a traditional limestone product.

As the graph (left) shows, LimeX45 provided the best pH uplift, reflecting its very fine particle size and unrivalled reactivity.

Take control of your grassland!

Follow this step-by-step approach and realise the full profit potential of your land.

1 pH testing

If you suspect your grassland is too acidic or simply want reassurance, then the first step is to undertake an accurate field pH assessment.

Our dedicated LimeX team can offer a professional soil pH mapping service with optional nutrient testing across much of the UK. Soil samplers are trained to high standards, offering 'field walked' or 'ATV driven options'.

In addition to creating the data for field assessment, field maps also assist hauliers to locate tipping points and ensure spreading contractors have the specific field by field detail they require for overall or part field treatment.



2 Treatment recommendations

'FACTS' qualified members of the LimeX team review the results to give an accurate basis for subsequent technical recommendations that take into account any specific crop rotation or other requirements. Precision at this stage provides total confidence in the level of LimeX required and ensures outstanding cost-efficiency.

More detailed information for other rotations is available at www.limex.co.uk

LimeX45 Application Rates

(for 1 pH unit increase)

Soil Type	Grassland (15cm depth) Tonnes / hectares (Tonnes / acre)
Sands	10 (4.0)
Light	10 (4.0)
Medium to Clay	12 (5.0)
Organic	14 (6.0)
Peat/Peaty	14 (6.0)

3 Supply and spreading

A popular approach is our 'delivered & spread' package, comprising experienced haulage and spreading contractors providing a professional, timely and cost-effective service.

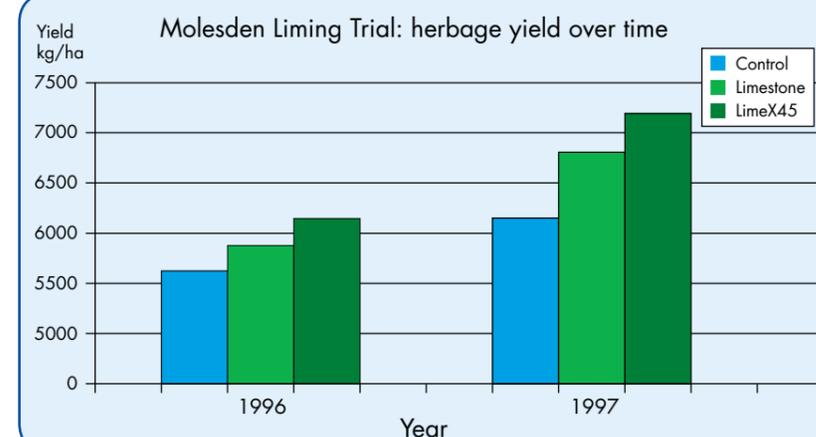
An alternative option is to take full advantage of the 'back-loading' opportunity available from all our sites during the beet campaign. We can arrange it so that a returning haulier brings LimeX45 straight to your farm, so saving you money.

Customers can collect ex-factory if they prefer.



Higher yields

In addition, yield responses were highest where LimeX45 was applied, along with increases in nitrogen uptake and hence crude protein. The table (right) demonstrates that LimeX45 has tended to give the herbage yield advantage, probably linked to improved Nitrogen utilisation.



Realising the nutrient value

A unique advantage of LimeX45, and an important one regarding overall farm costs, is the value of the nutrients integral in the product. The information below shows the minimum levels for three important plant nutrients and their value to your enterprise using the Fertiliser Manual (RB209 8th Edition 2010) as a guide.

Sulphate (SO₃)

- Minimum of 4kg in every tonne of LimeX45
- A 7.5 tonne/hectare (3t/acre) LimeX45 application provides 30kg/hectare of SO₃ worth £3.00 (25-40kg SO₃/ha is recommended where deficiency may occur before each silage cut.)

Phosphate (P₂O₅)

- Minimum of 7kg in every tonne of LimeX45
- At a LimeX45 application rate of 7.5 tonne/hectare (3t/acre) this equates to 50kg/hectare of P₂O₅ worth £35.00
- Provides maintenance phosphate for many grassland situations (range 20-90kg/ha).

Magnesium (MgO)

- Minimum of 5kg in every tonne of LimeX45
- At a LimeX45 application rate of 7.5 tonne/hectare (3t/acre) this equates to 35kg/hectare of MgO worth £14.00
- Provides 33-50% sufficient maintenance magnesium for grassland.

The combined value of these integral nutrients is typically

£60.00 per hectare

inclusive of the saving of application

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SO₃ MgO
P₂O₅

pH-nutrient maintenance

The above values are based on the market-average price of proprietary nutrients and were correct at the time of printing.

The most up-to-date values are available on our website limex.co.uk

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