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“Legume for semiarid clay soils: an update”

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SINCE writing the article ‘New pasture legumes for clay soils in dry environments’, for the last issue of the Northern muster, some 10,000ha of Progardes (www.progardes.com.au) have been sown across North, North West and Central Queensland on various

land types. These include Mitchell grass downs, cleared gidyea/boree, cleared blackwood and brigalow, and Barkly and Gulf land types. Agrimix Pty Ltd and various graziers undertook planting Progardes using numerous methods, including aerial seeding into:

- dry native grass (Mitchell grass).
- freshly pulled and/or old pulled gidgee/boree country.
- a fully cultivated seedbed.
- blade-ploughed country.
- burnt country.

Other methods included fully disc cultivated and airseeded, and partially tyne cultivated and airseeded.

The results of these various planting methods are pending.

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