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## Mariman and Prestige birdseeds become one big family

**In May the production of birdseeds in Mariman bags ceased. However that does not mean that you can no longer use your usual supplier to buy top quality birdseed. From now on the Mariman blends will be sold in the Prestige range from Versele-Laga that also includes a lot of other interesting mixtures.**

With the 'Prestige' brand name Versele-Laga is the market leader in Europe in the production of birdseeds for breeders. An extensive range of over 70 different mixtures is available for the most demanding of bird breeders. A team of expert veterinarians and nutritionists ensure the daily supervision of all these products. In this way you can be certain that all the blends comply with very high quality requirements and are adapted to the most recent scientific findings.

The Prestige bags also have the well-known Fidelity Club tokens, which allows your bird club to earn numerous wonderful gifts. You will be kept constantly updated of any innovations in the Prestige range through Ornitho Info, our own newsletter that appears three times a year in all the major bird magazines. Moreover you can browse through our range regularly and meet us personally at the Versele-Laga stands at major international bird exhibitions and conferences and you can contact us at any time of year if you have any queries about bird food.

**The following new compositions have been included in the range of Prestige birdseeds.**

### Tropical Birds Gourmet 25kg

A new product in the greatly valued range of Gourmet mixtures. Enriched with delicious biscuit.

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|-----------------------|--------|
| Yellow millet .....   | 53,0 % |
| Panicum yellow .....  | 24,0 % |
| Red millet .....      | 8,0 %  |
| Canary seed .....     | 7,0 %  |
| Panicum red .....     | 5,0 %  |
| Nigerseed .....       | 1,0 %  |
| Gourmet biscuit ..... | 2,0 %  |



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**VERSELE-LAGA**

### Big Parakeets Breeding 20kg

Special breeding mixture for most types of large parakeets. A top product.

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|-------------------------|--------|
| Yellow millet .....     | 18,0 % |
| Canary seed .....       | 17,0 % |
| Peeled oats .....       | 11,0 % |
| Buckwheat .....         | 8,0 %  |
| Safflower .....         | 7,0 %  |
| Striped sunflower ..... | 5,0 %  |
| White sunflower .....   | 5,0 %  |
| Hempseed .....          | 5,0 %  |
| Red millet .....        | 5,0 %  |
| Nigerseed .....         | 4,0 %  |
| Japanese millet .....   | 4,0 %  |
| Paddy rice .....        | 3,0 %  |
| White millet .....      | 3,0 %  |



Photo: Richard Vingerhoets

### Tropical doves 25kg

A super mixture for all tropical doves and pigeons. Has been used for years by the top Belgian breeder Richard Vingerhoets, who has already won 55 medals at the COM World Championships with his tropical doves.

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| Dari .....               | 25,0 % |
| Safflower .....          | 16,0 % |
| Hempseed .....           | 10,0 % |
| Milo .....               | 9,0 %  |
| Wheat .....              | 7,0 %  |
| Peeled barley .....      | 5,0 %  |
| Mungbeans .....          | 5,0 %  |
| Vetches .....            | 4,0 %  |
| Yellow millet .....      | 4,0 %  |
| Buckwheat .....          | 3,0 %  |
| Paddy rice .....         | 3,0 %  |
| Peeled oats .....        | 2,0 %  |
| Rice .....               | 2,0 %  |
| Red millet .....         | 2,0 %  |
| Big black rapeseed ..... | 1,0 %  |
| Linseed .....            | 1,0 %  |
| Striped sunflower .....  | 1,0 %  |



### Parrots Mega 15kg

Coarse mixture for larger parrots. With puffed grains.

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|-------------------------|--------|
| Striped sunflower ..... | 42,0 % |
| White sunflower .....   | 31,0 % |
| Maize .....             | 5,0 %  |
| Peanut kernels .....    | 4,0 %  |
| Oats .....              | 4,0 %  |
| Pine nuts .....         | 3,0 %  |
| Popcorn .....           | 3,0 %  |
| Puffed wheat .....      | 2,5 %  |
| Buckwheat .....         | 2,0 %  |
| Peaflakes .....         | 2,0 %  |
| Pumpkin kernels .....   | 1,0 %  |
| Chili pepper .....      | 0,5 %  |



## Exhibition tombola

### Winners of 2 free tickets "Birdpark Walsrode"



Entdecke ein Paradies

Van Dijk Georges, 2100 Deurne (B)  
 Mertens Jos, 2250 Olen (B)  
 Jourquin Daniel, 7021 Havré (Mons) (B)  
 Dils Francois, 8450 Bredene (B)  
 Devos Marc, 8520 Kurne (B)  
 Allegaert Jacques, 8560 Wevelgem (B)  
 Vandevoorde Walter, 8700 Tielt (B)  
 Verbeke Ilse, 8720 Markegem (B)  
 Christiaens Carlos, 8790 Waregem (B)  
 De Middeleer Paul, 9660 Brakel (B)  
 Hartmann Uwe, 31073 Delligsen (D)  
 Holtman Bernd, 32584 Löhne (D)  
 Raab Mario, 36326 Antrifftal-Ohmes (D)

Iding Reiner 46395 Bocholt (D)  
 Kühling Manfred, 49685 Emstek (D)  
 Stauß Wolfgang, 72379 Hechingen-Weilheim (D)  
 Zimmermann Walter, 91320 Ebermannstadt (D)  
 Freibler Peter, 97342 Obernbreit (D)  
 Vandaele Jean-Pierre, 59840 Perenchies (F)  
 Baclet Michaël, 62290 Noeux Les Mines (F)  
 Van den Berg Ton, 2203 BV Noordwijk (NL)  
 De Ruwe Jan, 2802 XL Gouda (NL)  
 Verweij Dick, 3135 XP Vlaardingn (NL)  
 Brans J.C.W., 4247 EB Kedichem-Leerdam (NL)  
 De Smaele Etienne, 4561 ZS Hulst (NL)

# Feeding during the moult

## Prestige Premium Pro Feather®

Dr. G. Werquin

The moult is a difficult task for a bird's metabolism: in a few weeks time the majority of the plumage has to be renewed. To allow the moult to take place as smoothly as possible all the nutritional elements must be present in sufficient quantities during this period. Nutritional deficiencies during the moult often result in plumage disorders or a less beautiful plumage. To prevent this it is consequently also best to provide a complete, balanced, scientifically developed feed during the moult

Prestige Premium  
• Canaries Pro Feather 20kg  
• Budgies Pro Feather 20kg



### Sulphurous amino acids

Feathers are 86% keratin. This is a mineralised protein with a very strong structure due to the high levels of sulphurous amino acids. So that the bird has sufficient building materials for the feathers, the feed must contain sufficient protein. Protein in the feathers makes up 20 to 30% of the total body protein. The levels of sulphurous amino acids (methionine and cystine) must especially be sufficiently high.

The best seed blends (Prestige Premium) are today supplemented with VAM-pellets to provide the essential amino acids in an optimal way: in addition to amino acids these pellets also provide minerals, vitamins and trace elements.

### Essential fatty acids

The absorption of essential fatty acids (linoleic acid and linolenic acid) is also extremely important during the moult. Linolenic acid is not only essential for a glossy and soft plumage; linolenic acid also plays an important role in numerous other physical functions like resistance to disease and brain activity. Scientific research has shown that linolenic acid is beneficial both to immunity and brain function. **Chia** is especially rich in linolenic acid: chia contains 18% linolenic acid and is thereby the seed with the highest level of omega-3 fatty acids in the plant world. Due to the importance of these essential fatty acids for a healthy moult the new Prestige Premium **Pro Feather** seed blends also include 2% chia: an excellent guarantee for the provision of the crucial omega-3 fatty acids!



*Pro feather: in addition to the VAM-pellets with vitamins, amino acids and minerals 2% chia-seed provides the necessary fatty acids*



*Muta-vit  
Special moulthing vitamins*

# ORLUX VIP-CLUB a must for every bird lover



Keep up-to-date with the most recent development in bird feed and in the Orlux-range. Moreover take advantage of interesting promotions and discounts. This is all possible for members of the Orlux VIP-club.

Orlux not only produces quality products with a worldwide reputation but also wants to provide correct information to all bird lovers. For that reason Orlux sends out a letter three times per year with product information to over 9 000 bird breeders, who are registered in the Orlux VIP-club. You can also benefit from this free service by registering as an Orlux VIP-member.

You will also receive a discount coupon with every letter, which is valid in all Orlux points of sale. In the autumn you will receive an extensive range with various promotions, primarily aimed at the coming exhibition season. There will not only be special promotions at the Orlux and Versele-Laga stands but also numerous other benefits such as free entry, discounts on the exhibition catalogue or the entry, etc.

So how do you register? The easiest way is to visit [www.orlux.be](http://www.orlux.be) and to register online as an Orlux VIP-member. This is realised in 2 steps.

**Step 1:** Click on 'register now' on the right of the screen. Enter the personal information required and click confirm. You are now a registered user of the Orlux website, but not yet an Orlux VIP-member.

**Step 2:** Click on 'VIP Club' in the left overview menu. Go to the survey form, complete it and click "Send". Now you are an Orlux VIP-member.

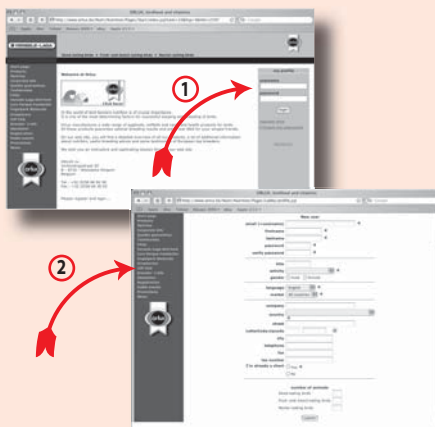
If you are already a registered user of the Orlux-site you can skip step 1. Then you should simply login with your password and then continue to step 2. Note: only one registration is possible per bird owner and per address.

If you do not have access to the Internet it is also possible to register by post. You will find a survey form in the Orlux catalogue. Complete it and return it to Versele-Laga nv, Kapellestraat 70, 9800 Deinze, Belgium. This registration is identical as that via the Internet.

**Register today and be the 10 000th member of the Orlux VIP-club!!** We have planned a special reward for this event. The person who registers as the 10 000th Orlux VIP-member will receive **one year's free egg-food and vitamins**. So do not hesitate, register today and try your luck at winning this fantastic prize! The winner of the first prize in this magnificent promotion will be informed in person and also announced in the next issue of this Ornitho Info and on the Orlux website!

Visit the Orlux and Versele-Laga websites:  
[www.orlux.be](http://www.orlux.be) & [www.versele-laga.com](http://www.versele-laga.com).

You will find all the information on our products and much more.



## New!!

A number of products in the Orlux-range are also available in small packs from now on at the request of our customers.

Orlux Calci-lux 150 g  
Orlux Insect Patée Premium 0.4kg  
Orlux Gold Patée Parakeets 1kg

