

Parabinga

Cultivar characteristics



BOTANICAL NAME		<i>Medicago truncatula</i>
TYPE		• Temperate, Legume
PRODUCTION PERIOD		• Annual, Winter
MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grows up to 15 – 30 cm tall • Leaflets trifoliate; with oval leaflets; mat green, hairy on both sides and toothed on the end margin; leaflet marker pale green blotch • Flowers yellow, pea-like • Seeds small, kidney-shaped, yellowish-brown; 2.5 – 4 mm x 1.5 – 2.5 mm; 250 000 – 280 000 seeds/kg
CROP	Strengths:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good early vigour • Persist in areas considered too arid for sub clover • High levels of hard seed contribute to persistence • High quality grazing and good herbage production
	Feeding value:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crude protein: 17 – 23 % • Digestibility: 55 – 75 %
	Production potential:	• Dry matter production: 4 – 6 t/ha/annum
	Uses:	• Grazing, hay, rotational crop
	Soil requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adapted to sandy loams to loam soil types • pH range of 4.5 – 7.5
	Establishment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant during April – May • Seeding rate of 3 – 12.5 kg/ha dryland; 12.5 – 15 kg/ha dryland

*Variety submitted for registration (where indicated). The photo in this document only indicates the kind and not the specific variety. Technical variety information provided in this document is applicable to climatic conditions in RSA. For final cultivar recommendations in your area contact your area representative.

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