

Cynodon

Cultivar characteristics



BOTANICAL NAME		<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>
TYPE		• Sub-tropical Grass
PRODUCTION PERIOD		• Perennial, Summer
MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stolonerous; mostly rhizomatous growth, 0.1– 0.4 m tall • Leaf blade is flatted with a sharp tip; 3 – 15 cm x 0.2 – 0.4 mm upper surface glabrous to somewhat pubescent, lower surface smooth • Ovoid shaped seed; yellow to reddish; 1 – 2 mm x 1 mm; 3 000 000 000 – 4 000 000 000 seeds/kg
CROP	Strengths:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tolerant to heavy grazing, salinity and flooding • Palatable, high nutritive value • Excellent ground cover for soil conservation
	Feeding value:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crude protein: 9 – 20 % • Digestibility: 40 – 69 %
	Production potential:	• Dry matter production: 5 – 15 t/ha/annum
	Uses:	• Grazing, hay, silage, soil conservation, cover crop & lawn and playing fields
	Soil requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prefers relatively fertile, well-drained soils • Tolerant to salinity • pH range of 4.5 – 8.5
	Establishment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant during October – February • Seeding rate of 4 – 8 kg/ha dryland, 8 – 25 kg/ha irrigated

*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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