

Gayandah

Cultivar characteristics



BOTANICAL NAME		<i>Cenchrus ciliaris</i>
TYPE		• Sub-tropical, Grass
PRODUCTION PERIOD		• Perennial, Summer
MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tufted tussock-forming and grows up to 0.3 – 1.5 m tall • Stoloniferous, non-rhizomatous • Leaf blade is distinctively light green, linear; 3 – 30 cm x 2 – 13 mm; mostly glabrous • Ovoid shaped seed; 1.4 – 2 mm; 400 000 seeds/kg
CROP	Strengths:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tolerant to drought, disease, heavy grazing and cold • High leaf production, recovers rapidly after defoliation • No danger of bloat, lifespan of 30+ years, ability to re-seed
	Feeding value:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crude protein: 6 – 16 % • Digestibility: 50 – 60 %
	Production potential:	• Dry matter production: 2 – 9 t/ha/annum
	Uses:	• Permanent pasture, hay and silage
	Soil requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prefers deep, freely drained, sandy loam, loam and clay loam soils • pH range of 7 – 8
	Establishment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant during September – February • Seeding rate of 5 – 7 kg/ha

*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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