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Cultivar characteristics



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| 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, grows up to 0.5 – 1.6 m tall • Stoloniferous, rhizomatous • Leaf blade is distinctively grey, 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, and heavy grazing • Palatable with high nutritive value • High leaf production, recovers rapidly after defoliation |
| | 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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