

Santiago

Cultivar characteristics



BOTANICAL NAME		<i>Medicago polymorpha</i>
TYPE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temperate, Legume
PRODUCTION PERIOD		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual, Winter
MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prostrate growing, grows up to 0.15 – 0.40 m tall • Leaflets trifoliate; wedge to heart shaped, green, hairless and slightly toothed on the end margin; purple-brown blotch at base of leaflet • Flowers yellow, pea-like • Seeds small, kidney-shaped, glossy yellow; 250 000 – 280 000 seeds/kg
CROP	Strengths:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persistent in low rainfall areas • High seed production • Hard seeded and once established will maintain a bank of seed reserves in the soil and will self-regenerate from soil seed bank
	Feeding value:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crude protein: 17 – 23 % • Digestibility: 55 – 75 %
	Production potential:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry matter production: 4 - 18 t/ha/annum
	Uses:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forage, companion species, hay, cover crop & erosion control
	Soil requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widely adapted to most soil types • Tolerant to moderate salinity • pH range between 5.5 – 8.0
	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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