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Cultivar characteristics



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| BOTANICAL NAME | | <i>Dactylis glomerata</i> |
| TYPE | | • Temperate, Grass |
| PRODUCTION PERIOD | | • Winter, Perennial |
| MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robust, strongly tufted, branched, less erect form • Grows up to 0.6 – 1.5 m tall, deep root system • Leaf blades green to bluish green; v-shaped near base; tapering to narrow tip; folded when young; 4.5 – 11.5 cm x 6 mm, hairless • Ellipsoid seeds; pale grey brown; 3 mm; 95 000 – 1 300 000 seeds/kg |
| CROP | Strengths: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once established, highly competitive and persistent • High feeding quality • Improved digestibility • Ideal partner in mixtures |
| | Feeding value: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crude protein: 12 – 22 % • Digestibility: 60 – 78 % |
| | Production potential: | • Dry matter production: 6 -16 t/ha/annum |
| | Uses: | • Hay or silage, green chop & pasture |
| | Soil requirements: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prefers well-drained fertile soils, shallow or deep, clay to gravelly loam and sandy soils • pH range of 5.5 – 7.5 |
| | Establishment: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant between March – May; September – October • Sowing rate: 4 – 5 kg/ha alone, 1 – 2 kg/ha in a mix |

*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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