

# Dr Saunders

## Cultivar characteristics

PASTURE: Cowpea



<b>BOTANICAL NAME</b>		<i>Vigna unguiculata</i>
<b>TYPE</b>		• Sub-tropical/Tropical, Legume
<b>PRODUCTION PERIOD</b>		• Annual, Summer
<b>MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION</b>		• Stooling to indeterminate with medium to fine stems • Leaves comprise three hairless leaflets; triangular to egg-shaped; 10cm x 7 – 8cm • 8 000 – 15 000 seeds/kg
<b>CROP</b>	<b>Strengths:</b>	• Tolerates drought and heat • High palatability hay crop
	<b>Feeding value:</b>	• Crude protein (CP): 14 – 21 % • Digestibility: 56 - 65 %
	<b>Production potential:</b>	• Dry matter production: 5 – 10 t/ha/annum
	<b>Uses:</b>	• Grazing, hay & rotation crop
	<b>Soil requirements:</b>	• Adapted to most soil types avoid wet soils • pH range of 5.0 - 7.0
	<b>Establishment:</b>	• Plant during middle October – January • Seeding rate of 15 –20 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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