

Lab Lab

Cultivar characteristics



BOTANICAL NAME		<i>Lablab purpureus</i> L.
TYPE		• Sub-tropical, Legume
PRODUCTION PERIOD		• Annual, Summer
MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION		• Spreading with medium to robust stems • Leaves trifoliate, leaflets broad ovate-rhomboid; 7.5 – 15 cm • Seed colour varies with white ; 2 000 – 5 000 seeds/kg
CROP	Strengths:	• Dual purpose legume • Drought tolerance once established • High forage production potential with good quality
	Feeding value:	• Crude protein: 21 – 36 % • Digestibility: 62 - 66 %
	Production potential:	• Dry matter production: 2 – 6 t/ha/annum
	Uses:	• Grazing, hay, silage, green manure & rotation crop
	Soil requirements:	• Adapted to most soil types, tolerates sandy, wet and acid soils • pH ranges 5.5 – 7.0
	Establishment:	• Plant during middle October – November • Seeding rate of 15 –20 kg/ha dryland; 20 – 25 kg/ha irrigated
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*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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