

SA Standard

Cultivar characteristics



BOTANICAL NAME		<i>Medicago sativa</i>
TYPE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subtropical Legume • Semi-winter dormant, dormancy 6
PRODUCTION PERIOD		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perennial, Spring, summer & autumn
MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crown position on soil surface with deep penetrating taproot • Stem coarse to medium • Seeds green to yellow to light brown; kidney shaped to ovoid; 1 – 2.5 mm x 1 – 1.5 mm; 440 000 – 500 000 seeds/kg
CROP	Strengths:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reliable cultivar, can withstand severe heat and cold conditions • Moderately tolerant to soil salinity • Responds quickly to spring and summer rainfall/irrigation
	Feeding value:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crude protein: 15 – 25% • Digestibility: 60 – 75% DMD
	Production potential:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 – 15 t/ha/annum
	Uses:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pasture & hay
	Soil requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grows across a wide range of soil types • Prefers deep, well drained soils • Prefers a neutral to high pH and no acid saturation
	Establishment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant during August – September / February – May • Broadcast at 8 – 12.5 kg/ha dryland and 20 – 25 kg/ha irrigated

**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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