

Overberg

Cultivar characteristics



BOTANICAL NAME		<i>Avena sativa</i>
TYPE		• Temperate, Forage cereal
PRODUCTION PERIOD		• Annual, Winter & spring
MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erect, tufted grass • Grows up to 1.2 – 2 m tall • Fibrous root system • Leaf blade is flat, narrow and veined; taper to a fine point; rolled in bud; 15 – 30 cm x 0.6 – 1.2 cm • Long, narrow yellow, brown seeds; 0.6 – 1 cm; 35 000 – 75 000 seeds/kg
CROP	Strengths:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fair drought tolerance • Dual purpose crop
	Feeding value:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crude protein: 7 – 8 % • Digestibility: 70 %
	Production potential:	• Dry matter production: 5 – 9 t/ha/annum
	Uses:	• Grazing, hay, silage, companion crops & winter cover crop
	Soil requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widely adapted to most soil conditions, avoid waterlogged soils • pH range of 5.5 – 7.0
	Establishment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant during January – April; April – May • Seeding rate of 40 – 50 kg/ha dryland and 75 – 100 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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