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Cultivar characteristics



BOTANICAL NAME		<i>Avena strigosa</i>
TYPE		• Temperate, Forage cereal
PRODUCTION PERIOD		• Annual, Winter & spring
MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erect, tufted grass, 1.5 – 2.0 m tall • Fibrous root system and narrow leaves 15 – 30 cm x 0.3 – 0.75 cm • Long, narrow greyish, black seeds; 0.6 – 1 cm; 35 000 seeds/kg
CROP	Strengths:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fast establishing, rapid forage production • Smother crop for weed suppression
	Feeding value:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crude protein: 7 – 8 % • Dry matter digestibility: 70 %
	Production potential:	• Dry matter production: 7 t/ha/annum
	Uses:	• Grazing, hay, silage, companion crop & winter cover crop
	Soil requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widely adapted to most soil conditions, tolerates low soil fertility • pH range of 5.5 – 7.0
	Establishment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant during January – April; April – May • Seeding rate of 37 – 50 kg/ha dryland and 50 – 75 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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