

# Bandito 2\*

## Cultivar characteristics



<b>BOTANICAL NAME</b>		<i>Lolium boucheanum</i>
<b>TYPE</b>		• Temperate Grass, Tetraploid
<b>PRODUCTION PERIOD</b>		• Perennial, short lived, Spring & autumn
<b>MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intermediate between perennial and Italian ryegrass species</li> <li>• Leaves shiny with smooth edges, upper surface prominently ribbed; lower surface glossy, smooth hairless with a prominent midrib; 4 – 10 mm x 6 – 20 cm</li> <li>• Seeds brown; lanceolate; 2.6 – 7 mm x 0.7 – 1.7 mm; 440 000 – 583 000 seeds/kg</li> </ul>
<b>CROP</b>	<b>Strengths:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy establishment</li> <li>• Improved winter hardiness</li> <li>• Tremendous regrowth, high production potential</li> </ul>
	<b>Feeding value:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crude protein: 19 – 28 %</li> <li>• Digestibility: 55 – 70 %</li> </ul>
	<b>Production potential:</b>	• Dry matter production: 7 – 18 t/ha/annum
	<b>Uses:</b>	• Pasture, hay, silage & cover crop
	<b>Soil requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prefers deep fertile soil; high soil moisture holding capacity</li> <li>• pH of &gt; 5.0</li> </ul>
	<b>Establishment:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant during March – May</li> <li>• Broadcast at 20 – 25 kg/ha dryland and 25 – 30 kg/ha irrigated</li> </ul>

*\*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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