

Irene

Cultivar characteristics



BOTANICAL NAME		<i>Digitaria eriantha</i>
TYPE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-tropical Grass
PRODUCTION PERIOD		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perennial, Summer
MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heterogeneous tufted grass variety • Grows up to 1.2 m tall • Leaf blade is glabrous, broad, spear-shaped; green-grey; 5 – 60 cm x 2 – 14 mm • Small, slightly hairy seeds; brown 3.5 – 5 mm long; 2 000 000 seeds/kg
CROP	Strengths:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persistent and tolerant to drought • Provides excellent grazing • Strong self-seeder thus long lifespan
	Feeding value:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crude protein: 5 - 12 % • Digestibility: 45 – 70 %
	Production potential:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry matter production: 12 – 15 ton/ha/annum
	Uses:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grazing, hay, silage & foggage in the winter season
	Soil requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performs best on sandy or stony soil • pH range of 5.5 – 7.0
	Establishment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant during October – November; January – February • Seeding rate of 2 – 5 kg/ha dryland and 6 – 8 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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