

# SSR 729

## Cultivar characteristics



<b>BOTANICAL NAME</b>		<i>Secale cereale</i>
<b>TYPE</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperate, Cereal grain</li> <li>• Stooling type</li> </ul>
<b>PRODUCTION PERIOD</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter, Annual</li> </ul>
<b>MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tufted grass, prostrate when young</li> <li>• Grows 1 – 1.5 m tall with extensive, fibrous root system</li> <li>• Oblong shaped seeds; light brown; 0.8 cm long; 30 000 – 45 000 seeds/kg</li> </ul>
<b>CROP</b>	<b>Strengths:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very palatable grazing in winter, spring and early summer</li> <li>• More volume; more production than oats</li> </ul>
	<b>Feeding value:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crude protein: 6 – 22 %</li> <li>• Digestibility: 53 – 63 %</li> </ul>
	<b>Production potential:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dry matter production: 5 – 12 t/ha/annum</li> </ul>
	<b>Uses:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grazing, hay, silage, grain production &amp; rotational crop</li> </ul>
	<b>Soil requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grows best on well-drained loamy soils and tolerates heavy clays and sandy soils</li> <li>• pH range of 4.5 – 8.0</li> </ul>
	<b>Establishment:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant during February – April and August</li> <li>• Seeding rate of 25 – 50 kg/ha dryland and 50 – 75 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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