

Ermelo

Cultivar characteristics



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| BOTANICAL NAME | | <i>Eragrostis curvula</i> |
| TYPE | | • Sub-tropical Grass |
| PRODUCTION PERIOD | | • Perennial, Summer |
| MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tufted grass, growing 1.2 – 1.8 m tall • Leaf blades variable in colour from bluish to green, curling at the tip when dry; 500 mm x 1 – 5 mm; rolled or flat • 1 200 000 – 1 500 000 seeds/kg |
| CROP | Strengths: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy to establish • Good early spring and early summer grazing • Tolerant to cold and drought-hardy |
| | Feeding value: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crude protein: 50 % (young growth) – 6 % (older material) • Digestibility: 47 – 59 % |
| | Production potential: | • Dry matter production: 6 – 14 t/ha/annum |
| | Uses: | • Grazing & hay |
| | Soil requirements: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best adapted on well-drained, acid soils of sandy to loam texture • pH range of 5.8 – 6.8 |
| | Establishment: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant during October – November; January – February • Seeding rate of 2 – 4 kg/ha dryland; 5 – 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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