

# PUK 436

## Cultivar characteristics



<b>BOTANICAL NAME</b>		<i>Eragrostis curvula</i>
<b>TYPE</b>		• Sub-tropical Grass
<b>PRODUCTION PERIOD</b>		• Perennial, Summer
<b>MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION</b>		• Tufted grass growing up to 1.2 – 1.8 m tall • Leaf blades variable in colour from grey to green; leaf flat 500 mm x 3 – 7 mm • 1 200 000 – 1 500 000 seeds/kg
<b>CROP</b>	<b>Strengths:</b>	• Easy to establish • Excellent early spring and early summer grazing • Tolerant to cold and drought hardy
	<b>Feeding value:</b>	• Crude protein: 50% (young growth) – 6% (older material) • Digestibility: 47 – 59 %
	<b>Production potential:</b>	• Dry matter production: 6 – 14 t/ha/annum
	<b>Uses:</b>	• Grazing & hay
	<b>Soil requirements:</b>	• Best adapted on well-drained, acid soils of sandy to loam texture • pH range of 5.8 – 6.8
	<b>Establishment:</b>	• 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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