

Big Boss

Cultivar characteristics



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| BOTANICAL NAME | | <i>Lolium multiflorum</i> var <i>westerwoldicum</i> |
| TYPE | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temperate Grass • Tetraploid, Westerwold Type |
| PRODUCTION PERIOD | | • Annual, Autumn, winter & spring |
| MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bunch type, erect growth habit, produces abundant tillers • Grows up to 30 – 91 cm tall • Leaves shiny with smooth edges; upper surface prominently ribbed; lower surface glossy, smooth and hairless with a prominent midrib; 6 – 10 mm x 6 – 20 cm; young leaves rolled • Seeds brown; lanceolate; 2.6 – 7 mm x 0.7 – 1.7 mm • 250 000 (n4) – 500 000 (n2) seeds/kg |
| CROP | Strengths: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fast establishment, excellent re-growth potential • Tolerant to cold, high forage production |
| | Feeding value: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crude protein: 19 – 28% • Digestibility: 55 – 70 % |
| | Production potential: | • Dry matter production: 7 – 18 t/ha/annum |
| | Uses: | • Pasture, hay, silage, companion crop & cover crop |
| | Soil requirements: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prefers deep fertile soil; high soil moisture holding capacity • pH range of > 5.0 |
| | Establishment: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant during February – May • Broadcast at 20 – 25 kg dryland and 25 – 30 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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