

Gatton

Cultivar characteristics



BOTANICAL NAME		<i>Panicum maximum</i>
TYPE		• Sub-tropical, Grass
PRODUCTION PERIOD		• Perennial, Summer
MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erect tufted grass, grows up to 1 – 1.5 m tall • Leaf blades linear and broad; almost glabrous; 40 – 100 cm x 1 – 2 cm • Seed vary from a dull green to straw in colour; 1 400 000 seeds/kg
CROP	Strengths:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High quality and very palatable • High production potential • Tolerant to shade
	Feeding value:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crude protein: 6 – 25 % • Digestibility: 50 – 80 %
	Production potential:	• Dry matter production: 5 – 20 t/ha/annum
	Uses:	• Graze, hay & foggage
	Soil requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prefers sandy loam to clay loam soil types • pH range of 5.5 – 7
	Establishment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant during September – February • Seeding rate of 2 – 6 kg/ha

*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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