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KIKUYU

WHITTET

Kikuyu is a perennial subtropical summer grass suitable for grazing, standing hay, lawn and sports fields.
Ideal planting time ranges from October to February.

CHARACTERISTICS

Botanical name:	*Pennisetum clandestinum*
Type:	Sub-tropical, Grass
Production period:	Perennial, Summer
Morphological description:	• Mat-forming, grows between 30 - 40cm deep • Rhizomes, Stolons • Leaf blade folded and flattened out when young; 30 cm x 7 mm; • Ovoid shaped seed; 1.5 – 2.5 mm; 400 000 seeds/kg
Crop strengths:	• Tolerant to heavy grazing • Tolerates wet soils. • High quality forage.
Feeding value:	• Crude protein: 23% • Digestibility: 76%
Production potential:	• Dry matter production: 10 t/ha
Uses:	• Grazing, Standing hay, Lawn & Sports fields
Soil requirements:	• Adapted to most soil types, prefers organic matter soils. • pH range of 4.5 - 7.0
Establishment:	• Plant during October – February • Seeding rate of 4 – 8 kg/ha dryland an 8 - 25 kg/ha irrigated

PASTURES

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