PRODUCT
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RONGAI

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Rongai is an annual summer legume suitable for grazing, hay, crop rotation, cover crop, and green manure.
Ideal planting time ranges from October to December.

CHARACTERISTICS

Botanical name:	*Lablab purpureus L.*
Type:	Sub-tropical, Legume
Production period:	Summer, Annual
Morphological description:	• Spreading with medium to robust stems • Leaves trifoliate, leaflets broad ovate-rhomboid; 7.5 – 15 cm • Seed colour varies with white • 2 000 – 5 000 seeds/kg
Crop strengths:	• High forage quality • Good insect and disease tolerance • Aggressive grower, creeper type
Feeding value:	• Crude protein: 21 – 36% • Digestibility: 62 - 66%
Production potential:	• Dry matter production: 2 – 6 t/ha/annum
Uses:	• Grazing, hay, crop rotation, cover crop, and green manure
Soil requirements:	• Adapted to most soil types. • pH ranges 5.5 – 7.0
Establishment:	• Plant during middle October – December • Seeding rate of 25 kg/ha dryland; 25 kg/ha irrigated

PASTURES

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