PRODUCT
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MOLOPO

BLUE BUFFALO

Molopo is a perennial subtropical summer grass suitable for as a permanent pasture, hay and silage.
Ideal planting time ranges from September to February.

CHARACTERISTICS

Botanical name:	*Cenchrus ciliaris*
Type:	Sub-tropical, Grass
Production period:	Perennial, Summer
Morphological description:	• Tufted tussock-forming, grows up to 0.5 – 1.6 m tall • Stoloniferous, rhizomatous • Leaf blade is distinctively grey, linear; 3 – 30 cm x 2 – 13 mm; mostly glabrous • Ovoid shaped seed; 1.4 – 2 mm; 400 000 seeds/kg
Crop strengths:	• Tolerant to drought, disease, and heavy grazing • Palatable with high nutritive value • High leaf production, recovers rapidly after defoliation
Feeding value:	• Crude protein: 6 – 16 % • Digestibility: 50 – 60 %
Production potential:	• Dry matter production: 2 – 9 t/ha/annum
Uses:	• Permanent pasture & hay and silage
Soil requirements:	• Prefers deep, freely drained, sandy loam, loam and clay loam soils • pH range of 7 – 8
Establishment:	• Plant during September – February • Seeding rate of 5 – 7 kg/ha

PASTURES

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