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LOCAL

BOTTLEBRUSH

Bottlebrush Local is a perennial subtropical summer grass suitable for grazing, hay and foggage.
Ideal planting time ranges during October to February.

CHARACTERISTICS

Botanical name:	*Anthephora pubescens*
Type:	Sub-tropical, Grass
Production period:	Perennial, Summer
Morphological description:	• Tufted grass, grows 0.3 – 1.5 m tall, • Short sturdy rhizomes • Leaf blade is green to blue-green; flat; linear; • 350 000 – 380 000 seeds/kg • 10 – 15 cm x 3 x 5 mm; tapering to a soft point
Crop strengths:	• Easy to establish and tolerant to drought • Poor stands thicken up with time if it is well managed • Excellent foggage - grass grown for winter grazing
Feeding value:	• Crude protein: 7 – 12% • Digestibility: 48 - 58%
Production potential:	• Dry matter production: 3 – 7 t/ha/annum
Uses:	• Grazing, hay & foggage - grass grown for winter grazing
Soil requirements:	• Best adapted to sandy soil types, tolerates loam and gravely soils • pH from 5.8 – 6.8
Establishment:	• Plant during October – February • Seeding rate of 5 – 6 kg/ha dryland

PASTURES

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