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SA STANDARD

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SA Standard is a perennial sub-tropical legume suitable for grazing, hay and rotation crop. Ideal planting time ranges August to September and February to May.

CHARACTERISTICS

Botanical name:	*Medicago sativa*
Type:	Sub-tropical, Legume Semi-winter dormant, dormancy 6
Production period:	Spring/Summer/Autumn, Perennial
Morphological description:	• Crown position on soil surface with deep penetrating taproot • Stem coarse to medium • Seeds green to yellow to light brown; kidney shaped to avoid; 1 – 2.5 mm x 1 – 1.5 mm; • 440 000 – 500 000 seeds/kg
Crop strengths:	• Reliable cultivar, can withstand severe heat and cold conditions • Moderately tolerant to soil salinity • Responds quickly to spring and summer rainfall/irrigation
Feeding value:	• Crude protein: 15 –25% • Digestibility: 60 – 75% DMD
Production potential:	• 8 – 15t/ha/annum
Uses:	• Pasture & hay
Soil requirements:	• Grows across a wide range of soil types • Prefers deep, well drained soils • Prefers a neutral to high pH and no acid saturation
Establishment:	• Plant during February – May / August – September • Broadcast at 8 – 12.5 kg/ha dryland and 20 – 25 kg/ha irrigated

PASTURES

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