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IRENE

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Irene is a perennial summer grass suitable for grazing, hay, silage and foggage in the winter season.
Ideal planting time ranges during October to November and February to March.

CHARACTERISTICS

Botanical name:	*Digitaria eriantha*
Type:	Sub-tropical, Grass
Production period:	Perennial, Summer
Morphological description:	• Heterogeneous tufted grass variety • Grows up to 1.2 m tall • Leaf blade is glabrous, broad, spear-shaped; green-grey; • 5 – 60 cm x 2 – 14 mm • Small, slightly hairy seeds; brown 3.5 – 5 mm long; 2 000 000 seeds/kg
Crop strengths:	• Persistent and tolerant to drought • Provides excellent grazing • Strong self-seeder thus long lifespan
Feeding value:	• Crude protein: 5 - 12 % • Digestibility: 45 – 70 %
Production potential:	• Dry matter production: 12 – 15 ton/ha/annum
Uses:	• Grazing, hay, silage & foggage in the winter season
Soil requirements:	• Performs best on sandy or stony soil • pH range of 5.5 – 7.0
Establishment:	• Plant during October – November; January – February • Seeding rate of 2 – 5 kg/ha dryland and 6 – 8 kg/ha irrigated

PASTURES

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