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Sunn Hemp is an annual sub-tropical legume suitable for green manure, cover crop and processed hay and fibre. Ideal planting time ranges from October to January.

CHARACTERISTICS

Botanical name:	*Crotalaria juncea*
Type:	Sub-tropical, Legume
Production period:	Summer, Annual
Morphological description:	• Herbaceous, shrubby, branched, erect form, 1 – 1.4 m tall • Strong taproot; vigorous lateral roots • Leaf blades elliptic to oblong; short-stemmed, 4 – 13 cm x 5 – 30mm; upper surface pubescent • Heart-shaped seed; greyish olive, dark grey, dark brown to black; 4 – 6 mm • 17 000 – 35 000seeds/kg
Crop strengths:	• Poor host to nematodes , ideal cover crop • Very effective nitrogen fixation
Feeding value:	• Crude protein: 12.5 – 15 % in green material • Digestibility: 65 - 75 %
Production potential:	• Dry matter production: 5 – 25 t/ha/annum
Uses:	• Green manure, cover crop, processed hay & fibre
Soil requirements:	• Prefers well-drained sandy loam to clay soils and tolerates poor sandy soils • pH range of 5 –8.5
Establishment:	• Plant during October – January • Seeding rate of 15 kg/ha dryland and 25 kg/ha irrigated

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