



*Medicago sativa*

## LUCERNE / ALFALFA :

### **AURORA** IMPORTED SEED

#### **PRODUCTION POTENTIAL:**

- 8 - 15t/ha/annum

#### **TYPE**

- Subtropical Legume
- Semi-winter dormant, dormancy 6

#### **PRODUCTION PERIOD**

- Perennial, spring, summer & autumn

#### **STRENGTHS:**

- High nutritive value
- Double purpose cultivar - hay and grazing crop

#### **FEEDING VALUE:**

- Crude protein: 15 - 25%
- Digestibility: 60 - 75% DMD

#### **USES:**

- Hay & grazing

#### **SOIL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Grows across a wide range of soil types, prefers deep, well drained soil & pH range of 6.5 - 8.0

#### **ESTABLISHMENT:**

- Plant during February - May / August - September
- Broadcast at 8 - 12.5kg/ha dryland and 20 - 25kg/ha irrigated

#### **MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION**

- Deep penetrating taproot and stem coarse to medium
- Seeds green to yellow to light brown; kidney shaped to avoid: 1 - 2.5mm x 1 - 1.5mm; 440 000 - 500 000 seeds/kg