



DOLICHOS: **LAB LAB**

Lablab purpureus L.

PRODUCTION POTENTIAL:

- Dry matter production: 3 – 8 t/ha/annum

TYPE

- Sub-tropical, Legume

PRODUCTION PERIOD

- Perennial, Summer

STRENGTHS:

- Dual purpose legume
- Drought tolerance once established
- High forage production potential with good quality

FEEDING VALUE:

- Crude protein: 13 – 18 %
- Digestibility: 50 - 60 %

USES:

- Grazing, hay, silage, green manure & rotation crop

SOIL REQUIREMENTS:

- Adapted to most soil types, tolerates sandy, wet and acidic soils
- pH ranges 5.5 – 7.0

ESTABLISHMENT:

- Plant during October – December
- Seeding rate of 15 –20 kg/ha dryland; and 20 – 25 kg/ha irrigated

MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION

- Spreading with medium to robust stems
- Leaves trifoliate, leaflets broad ovate-rhomboid; 7.5 – 15 cm
- Seed colour varies with white ; 2 000 – 5 000 seeds/kg