



PASTURE: TEFF : SA BROWN

PRODUCTION POTENTIAL:

- Dry matter production: 2 – 8 t/ha/annum

TYPE

- Sub-tropical

PRODUCTION PERIOD

- Annual, Summer

STRENGTHS:

- Quick to establish
- Quality forage, ideal hay crop
- Palatable to livestock; fine stemmed, leafy and soft

FEEDING VALUE:

- Crude protein: 8 - 14 %
- Digestibility: 55 – 65%

USES:

- Hay, grazing & cover crop

SOIL REQUIREMENTS:

- Widely adapted to most soil types, intolerant to waterlogging
- pH range 4.5 – 7

ESTABLISHMENT:

- Plant during October - January
- Seeding rate of 8 – 12.5 kg/ha dryland and 12.5 – 25 kg/ha irrigated

MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION

- Densely tufted, erect growth, 0.2 – 1.2 m tall
- Small-stemmed tillers originating from one crown
- Leaf blade is hairless, relatively thin and soft, 300 mm x 4 mm; entire plant green when young
- Seed is very small, varies from light to dark brown; 1 300 000 seeds/kg

Eragrostis Teff