



PASTURE: WEEPING LOVE GRASS: ERMELO

PRODUCTION POTENTIAL:

- Dry matter production: 4 - 20t/ha/annum

TYPE

- Sub-tropical, Grass

PRODUCTION PERIOD

- Perennial, Summer

STRENGTHS:

- Easy to establish
- Good early spring and early summer grazing
- Tolerant to cold and drought-hardy

FEEDING VALUE:

- Crude protein: 50 % (young growth) - 6 % (older material)
- Digestibility: 46 - 55 %

USES:

- Grazing & hay

SOIL REQUIREMENTS:

- Best adapted on well-drained, acid soils of sandy to loam texture
- pH range of 5.8 - 6.8

ESTABLISHMENT:

- Plant during October - November and January - February
- Seeding rate of 2 - 4 kg/ha dryland; 5 - 8 kg/ha irrigated

MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION

- Tufted grass, growing 1.2 - 1.8 m tall
- Leaf blades variable in colour from bluish to green, curling at the tip when dry; 500 mm x 1 - 5 mm; rolled or flat
- 1 200 000 - 1 500 000 seeds/kg

Eragrostis curvula