

# Presto

## PURPLE VETCH *Vicia benghalensis*



<b>Seeding Rate</b>	<b>kg/ha</b>
Dryland	30 - 45
High Rainfall/Irrigation	N

<b>Seed Treatment</b>	None/ XLR8™ optional
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**Description**  
Very early maturing purple vetch

**Market Segment/Target**  
Grazing, hay and grain

**Features**  
Earliest maturing purple vetch option  
Quick emergence and forage production  
Approx 35 days earlier than Popany

**Benefits**  
Good winter growth  
Excellent quality legume for dry matter production  
High nitrogen fixation potential for a short season

<b>Range</b>	
Low Bloat™	N
Super N Fixer™	N
XtraLeaf®	Y

<b>SEED AGRONOMY TABLE</b>	
Maturity	90 - 100 days
Hard Seed Level (description)	Soft
Waterlogging Tolerance	N

### ESTABLISHMENT GUARANTEE™

At S&W Seed Company Australia we're so confident about our seed genetics and seed quality, we will replace seed at half the original purchase price if it fails to establish satisfactorily in the first thirty days\*

### STRENGTHS

Early maturity  
High Dry Matter Yields  
Legume will fix nitrogen to benefit the next crop  
Great for use in crop rotation  
High biomass production in a short period

### LIMITATIONS

Limited herbicide tolerance  
Only suitable for single cuts, poor regrowth from grazing  
Not tolerant to waterlogging  
Due to small levels of hard seed can be a contaminating crop in pulse rotations

### PASTURE TYPE AND USE

Vetch is a quick establishing legume with good vigour and early maturity. It will grow a large amount of biomass in a short time. It grows well with grass species, and will climb through grasses and cereals to compete for growth as a companion. Vetch is useful for adding highly digestible forage and a protein source to a pasture or hay mix. Best suited to companionship with other annual forages such as Italian ryegrass or a forage cereal. Grain production is also excellent and this variety is able to be set up for harvesting as a grain crop. Vetch provides excellent ground cover, and is also very well suited in cover crop and green manure applications where a winter legume is desired.

### WHERE IT GROWS

**Rainfall:** 350mm+ rainfall zones

**Soils:** Free draining soils, pH >7

**Temperature:** Temperate conditions

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## PLANT DESCRIPTION

**Flowers:** Purple

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## ESTABLISHMENT

**Sowing/Planting rates in mixtures:** 10-25kg/ha

**Sowing/Planting rates as single species:** 30-45kg/ha

**Sowing time:** Autumn

**Inoculation:** Inoculate with Group E or F inoculant

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## MANAGEMENT

**Major Pests:** Presto is susceptible in early growth stages to red legged earth mite and lucerne flea, like other common vetch varieties. Presto is also susceptible to bluegreen and cowpea aphids from early growth through to pod maturity, as well as to native budworm during pod formation and filling.

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## ANIMAL PRODUCTION

**Feeding value:** High; good protein content and digestibility as forage or conserved fodder

**Palatability:** Highly palatable

**Livestock Disorders/Toxicity:** Bloat



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