

# Ranger

# **PLANTAIN** *Plantago lancolata*



| Seeding Rate<br>Dryland<br>High Rainfall/Irrigation | <b>kg/ha</b><br>1 - 3<br>4 - 8 |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Seed Treatment                                      | XLR8™                          |
| Description   |                                |

Perennial grazing plantain

#### Market Segment/Target

High performance animal production

#### Features

Excellent establishment vigour Nutrient accumulator Highly palatable and digestible forage

#### Benefits

Improved livestock weight gains Grown well as a monoculture, or in a mix Forage is an excellent source of trace elements and has drenching properties

| Range          |   |
|----------------|---|
| Low Bloat™     | N |
| Super N Fixer™ | Ν |
| XtraLeaf®      | Ν |

| SEED AGRONOMY TABLE           |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Maturity                      |  |
| Hard Seed Level (description) |  |
| Waterlogging Tolerance        |  |

#### **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

Fast establishing Tolerant of drought and low fertility Excellent feeding value including summer

#### LIMITATIONS

Susceptible to broad leaf herbicides Slow growth in winter

#### **PASTURE TYPE AND USE**

Valuable component of permanent.

## WHERE IT GROWS

N N N Rainfall: Greater than 800 millimetres.

Soils: Tolerates a broad range of soil types, fertility and pH.

Temperature: Wide climate adaption; tolerant of frost; relatively heat tolerant.

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#### **PLANT DESCRIPTION**

Plant: Erect, leafy, perennial herb with a deep, dense, branching fibrous root system.

**Leaves:** Rosette of broad leaves from central crown. Leaves up to 25 centimetres long, often purplish at the base and each with 3 to 5 longitudinal ribs. Fine hairs on upper surface; hairy along the lower side ribs.

Flowers: Tiny, four parted, creamy white flowers with long stamens. Flowers during midsummer. Flower stems are erect, furrowed, leafless, and up to 50 centimetres long. **Seeds:** 1 millimetre and oval; black-brown. 500,000 per kilogram.

#### **ESTABLISHMENT**

Grasses: Phalaris, cocksfoot, tall fescue, Bromus spp.

Legumes: Sub, white and red clover.

**Sowing/Planting rates in mixtures:** 4 to 6 kilograms per hectare with specialist clover pastures, 2 to 4 kilograms per hectare with grass pastures or Brassica fodder spp.

Sowing/Planting rates as single species: 4 to 8 kilograms per hectare.

Sowing time: Sow in autumn/spring after pre-emergent weed control.

Fertiliser: Sow with approximately equal to 10 to 15 kilograms per hectare.

#### MANAGEMENT

Maintenance fertiliser: 10 kilograms P per hectare.

**Grazing/Cutting:** Can tolerate continuous and close grazing. Graze rotationally to gain maximum production. A 3 to 4 week rotation in late spring will maintain seed head palatability. Can use for silage/hay.

Ability to Spread: Yes. Regenerates from self-sown seed. Is a widely naturalised species.

Weed Potential: Pollen contains allergens associated with asthma and bronchitis. Major Pests: Red legged earth mite, slugs, snails.

Herbicide Susceptibility: Glyphosate and phenoxy based chemicals (2,4-D, MCPA).

#### **ANIMAL PRODUCTION**

**Feeding value:** Good quality feed. High mineral concentrations including copper, zinc, selenium, cobalt. This widely used medicinal herb contains various secondary metabolites with recognised tonic and antibiotic properties; these may benefit stock/ rumen flora.

Production Potential: Good spring autumn production.



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