



**ZIMBABWE**

## PASTURE RYE

### AFG R1

<b>BOTANICAL NAME</b>		<i>Secale cereale</i>
<b>TYPE</b>		• Temperate, Cereal grain
<b>PRODUCTION PERIOD</b>		• Annual, Spring & winter
<b>MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION</b>		• Tall, hardy, tufted grass, 1.2 – 2 m tall • Stems ascending when young, becomes more erect when older • Oblong shaped seeds; light brown; 0.8 cm long; • 30 000 – 45 000 seeds/kg
<b>CROP</b>	<b>Strengths:</b>	• Quick short-duration rye with high leaf to stem ratio • More volume; more production than oats
	<b>Feeding value:</b>	• Crude protein: 6 – 22 % • Digestibility: 53 – 63 %
	<b>Production potential:</b>	• Dry matter production: 5 – 12 t/ha/annum
	<b>Uses:</b>	• Grazing, hay, silage, grain production & rotational crop
	<b>Soil requirements:</b>	• Grows best on well-drained loamy soils and tolerates sandy soils • pH range of 4.5 – 8.0
	<b>Establishment:</b>	• Plant during February – May • Seeding rate of 25 – 50kg/ha dryland and 50 – 75kg/ha irrigated



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