

Summer Forage Guide



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It's where
success starts.



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EPG Seeds has been developing new varieties to help Australian farmers increase productivity for more than 15 years.

Every variety has been developed with grower feedback and designed to thrive in our unique conditions, delivering high quality and high yield crops across the country.

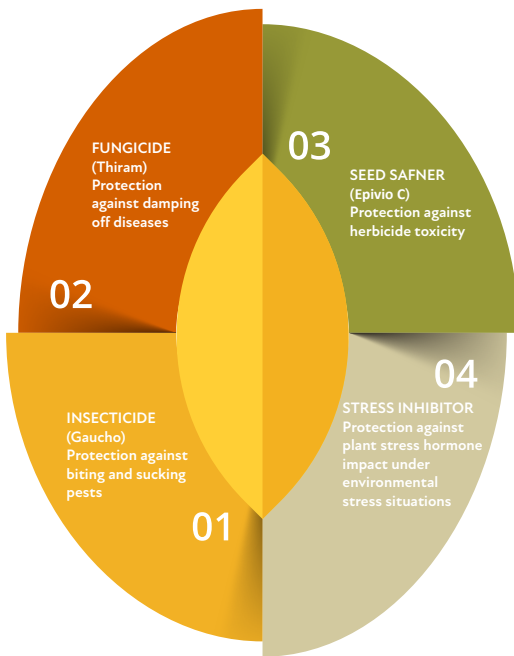
There's a variety to suit every season, with high performing wheat, barley, oats, sorghum and lucerne seeds now on sale.

Ask your local agronomist which variety will suit your needs best or visit EPGseeds.com.au to find your nearest stockist.



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Four levels of protection for your seed – ShieldXtra



SHIELDXTRA – SEED DEFENCE TECHNOLOGY

Protecting crops from environmental stress is a difficult task. These stresses cause hormone responses in the plant that can increase the risk of prussic acid and nitrate poisoning.

Safeguarding crops against environmental stress poses a formidable challenge, as these stressors trigger hormonal reactions in plants that heighten their vulnerability.

In response, EPG Seeds introduces ShieldXtra, a specially formulated seed coating for your forage sorghum seed, designed to enhance its resilience and performance.

SUMMER FORAGE

Highly winter active

A highly winter active lucerne ideal for cropping rotations, grazing, pasture mixes and year-round hay production.

Key features:

- * **Highly winter active - dormancy 8**
- * **Strong leaf hold**
- * **Strong pest and disease resistance**
- * **Lower crown for persistence**
- * **Excellent seeding vigour for strong stand establishment**
- * **Exceptional forage yield**
- * **Quick regrowth**
- * **Excellent stand persistence from cutting and grazing**

Javelin is a medium term lucerne (3 - 5 years) offering year-round production, predominantly in spring/summer, with varying levels of winter production. In many cases good grazing/hay cutting management will lead to longer stand life 6+ years.

SOIL TYPE:

Suited to most soil types from sandy loams through to heavy clay soils

RAINFALL

500mm+

pH

(CaCl₂) 5.0 - 7.5

SOWING RATE:

Dryland hay or grazing:

4 - 8kg/ha

High rainfall/ Irrigation:

9 - 20 kg/ha

Irrigated hay production:

25 - 35kg/ha

INOCULANT

Group AL Rhizobium





Javelin
LUCERNE



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Production notes:

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IDEAL GROWING REGIONS

VICTORIA
Northern Vic • Wimmera •
Gippsland • Western Vic

SOUTH AUSTRALIA
South East · Eyre Pen ·
Central

All NSW growing regions

QUEENSLAND
South • Central

All TASMANIA growing regions

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
South WA • Kwinana •
Albany • Esperance



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Quality under pressure

A semi-winter active type lucerne that offers exceptional forage quality, versatility and flexibility within your production system in semi dormant regions. Suited to grazing, high quality hay and silage production and can be included in pasture mixes due to its low crown height.

Key features:

- ✦ **Semi-winter active - dormancy 5**
- ✦ **Strong pest and disease resistance**
- ✦ **Excellent seedling vigour for strong stand establishment**
- ✦ **Strong leaf hold**
- ✦ **Excellent persistence**
- ✦ **Wide cutting window**
- ✦ **High stem to leaf ratio**
- ✦ **High yielding**

Chariot is a medium term perennial lucerne with a lifespan ranging from 5 to 7 years, providing year-round production. It exhibits its highest productivity during spring and summer, although it may also offer some level of winter production. Effective grazing and hay cutting management often results in an extended stand life, surpassing 6 years.

SOIL TYPE

Suited to most soil types from sandy loams through to heavy clay soils

RAINFALL

500mm+

pH

(CaCl₂) 5.0 – 7.5

SOWING RATE

Dryland hay or grazing:

4 – 8kg/ha

High rainfall/ Irrigation:

9 – 20 kg/ha

Irrigated hay production:

25 – 35kg/ha

INOCULANT

Group AL Rhizobium



Production notes:



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Northern Vic · Wimmera ·
Central Gippsland

SOUTH AUSTRALIA
South East · Eyre Pen ·
Central

All NSW growing regions

QUEENSLAND
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Albany · Esperance



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Grain bearing pit specialist

Sile King is a medium to late maturing grain silage hybrid ideal for producing high quality, high yield pit/bunker silage in dairy and beef production.

Key features

- * Grain bearing forage sorghum
- * Tall leafy feed with potential for high dry matter yields
- * Produces high energy (ME) silage
- * Displays good leaf disease resistance
- * Sweet leafy feed to support high daily live weights in beef cattle
- * Pit silage specialist
- * Good recovery after cutting and grazing
- * Displays good tolerance in dry conditions
- * Excellent palatability
- * Wide cutting window

Selected for its impressive grain-to-stover ratio, Sile King presents an excellent choice for intensive livestock producers in search of an alternative to maize. This hybrid boasts remarkable potential for the first cut yield, coupled with a substantial grain content. Its exceptional palatability, rich nutritional profile, including high protein levels and metabolisable energy, contribute to outstanding overall digestibility.

Dairy/Cattle Grazing 

Sheep Grazing - not recommended

Hay Production - not recommended

Green Chop 

Pit Silage 

Palatability 

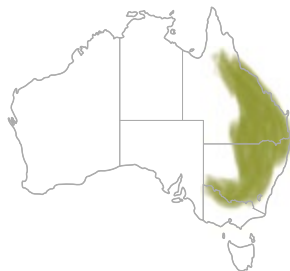
Digestability 

Early Vigour 

Quick Spring Feed 



Production notes:



Planting = Irrigation or high rainfall

IDEAL GROWING REGIONS

VICTORIA
Northern Vic · Mallee
All NSW growing regions

QUEENSLAND
South · Central



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Versatile hay specialist

Banker is a Sudan-type hybrid forage sorghum, well suited for both hay and grazing systems. It exhibits exceptional hybrid vigour and matures in the mid to late season. Banker excels as a dry matter producer, boasting a high leaf-to-stem ratio. It is a versatile choice for hay and green chop production, or as an integral component of a grazing system. Banker demonstrates adaptability to varying rainfall conditions, offering robust recovery and regrowth following cutting or grazing.

Key features

- Potential for high dry matter yields
- Displays good disease resistance
- High leaf to stem ratio
- Suitable for hay, green chop production and grazing
- High quality leafy forage
- Good recovery after cutting and grazing
- Excellent early vigour
- Displays good tolerance in dry conditions
- Ideal for quick early feed

Dairy/Cattle Grazing	
Sheep Grazing	
Hay Production	
Green Chop	
Pit Silage – not recommended	
Palatability	
Digestability	
Early Vigour	
Quick Spring Feed	





Banker

FORAGE SORGHUM



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**Planting = Dryland
irrigation or high rainfall**

IDEAL GROWING REGIONS

VICTORIA
Northern Vic • Mallee •
Central • Gippsland

SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Mallee · Southeast ·
Central

All NSW growing regions

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Extra sweet

Lantern forage sorghum sets a new standard in sweet sorghum. This mid to late maturing hybrid offers sweet, leafy feed, elevated plant sugar levels, and outstanding palatability. It's a versatile choice for producers seeking options in pit silage production, grazing or standover feed.

Lantern serves as an excellent bridging crop into oats, leading to potential weight gains by enhancing oat crop utilisation and reducing scouring. This variety exhibits adaptability to both high and low rainfall conditions, showcasing remarkable silage potential.

Key features:

- Sweet leafy feed with potential for high dry matter yields
- Suitable for pit silage production, grazing and stand over feed for winter
- High level of plant sugars and excellent palatability
- Good recovery after cutting and grazing
- Excellent early vigour
- Displays good tolerance in dry conditions
- Displays good leaf disease resistance
- Wide cutting window
- Suited to round bale hay
- Sweet leafy feed to support high daily live weight gains in beef cattle

Dairy/Cattle Grazing	   
Sheep Grazing - not recommended	
Hay Production	   
Green Chop	   
Pit Silage	   
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Digestability	   
Early Vigour	   
Quick Spring Feed	   





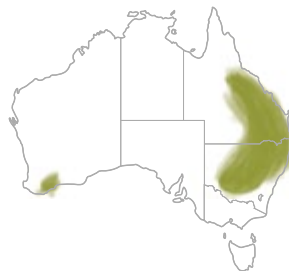
Lantern

FORAGE SORGHUM



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Production notes:

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irrigation or high rainfall**

IDEAL GROWING REGIONS

NSW
North · Central

QUEENSLAND
South, Central, North

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Albany



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