



# Taipan

**STRIKES FAST AND HANGS ON**

## ATTRIBUTES

### Key features

- Erect plant with exceptionally quick early growth and high dry matter yields
- Establishes in warmer soils (up to 29°C) more readily than most varieties
- Good drought tolerance
- Produces large quantities of autumn and early winter feed
- Ideal for grazing
- It will maintain vegetative growth well into late spring

### Background

Taipan was released under PBR in 2002. It was selected because of its exceptionally quick germination and establishment and its ability to hang on in tough growing conditions.

### Plant type

Taipan is an erect oat providing quick, early growth. Under favourable growing conditions it can be grazed early in the season.

### Rust resistance

Taipan is now susceptible to the current races of leaf rust. However, good grazing or cutting management will reduce the impacts of leaf rust.

Wider row spacings of at least 45cm will also minimise the effects of rust.

### Grazing management

Taipan is ideally suited to cattle, particularly in a continuous grazing situation. For best results in a rotational grazing system it should not be grazed below the growing point located just above the highest node. Heavy grazing will result in poor regrowth. However, frequent grazing will help crop performance and minimise leaf rust development.

### Good drought tolerance

Taipan has demonstrated an ability to continue growing even in adverse conditions. It can handle hot dry conditions better than many other varieties, maintaining green palatable feed well into late spring.

### Planting rates

|                  |           |              |
|------------------|-----------|--------------|
| CQ & Western Qld |           | 25-40 kg/ha  |
| Southern Qld     |           | 25-50 kg/ha  |
| N & C NSW        |           | 25-50 kg/ha  |
| S NSW & Vic      | dryland   | 55-100 kg/ha |
|                  | irrigated | 50-100 kg/ha |
| Tasmania         |           | 100 kg/ha    |

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Maturity              | Late        |
| Plant Type            | Erect       |
| Leaf rust reaction    | Susceptible |
| Time to first grazing | Quick       |
| Don't graze below     | 10 - 15cm   |
| Early winter feed     | *****       |
| Winter Feed           | ***         |
| Spring Feed           | ****        |
| Grazing - Cattle      | Very Good   |
| - Sheep               | Good        |
| - Horses              | Very Good   |

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