



# Drover

**KEEPS 'EM IN WINTER AND SPRING FEED**

In replicated cutting trials Drover has shown slightly lower dry matter yields than Taipan in the initial growth but higher yield through the winter months (see graph overleaf). Drover is slightly earlier to flower than Taipan.

### Key features

- ▶ Leaf rust resistant
- ▶ Good warm soil emergence (up to 28°C)
- ▶ Produces large quantities of winter feed
- ▶ Will remain vegetative into late spring
- ▶ High dry matter production
- ▶ Good choice for grazing and hay
- ▶ Intermediate growth habit

### Background

Drover has been selected for its high level of dry matter production, regrowth ability and leaf rust resistance.

### Plant type

Drover is a grazing oat with very good post grazing recovery. It has an intermediate growth habit similar to that of Warrego. Drover also has relatively low growing points which makes it suitable for high stocking rates for all classes of livestock.

### Leaf rust resistance

Drover is resistant to the current races of leaf rust. However, good grazing or cutting management will reduce the impacts of leaf rust if the resistance status does change. Like all other current oat varieties, it is susceptible to stem rust.



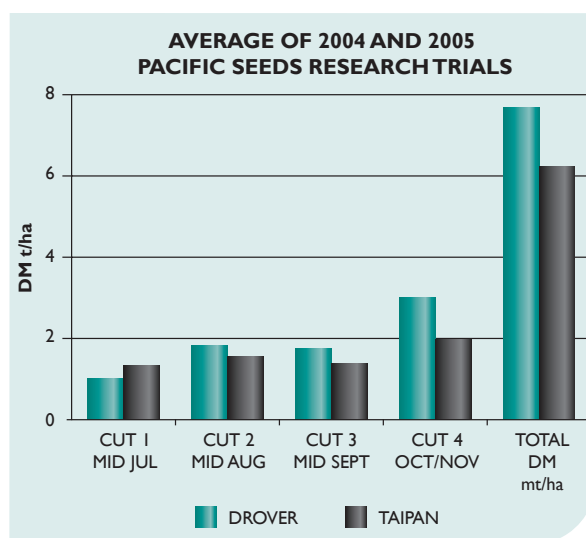
## VARIETY INFORMATION TECHNOTE

### Grazing management

Drover is suitable for all classes of livestock, hay or silage production. For best regrowth do not graze below the growing point located just above the highest node.

### 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



### DROVER - CHARACTERISTICS & SUITABILITY

Variety	Time to initial heading from early planting	Plant type	Rust resistance		Time to first grazing	Don't graze below
Drover	Medium	Intermediate	Leaf R	Stem S	Med-quick	10-15cm

*#While this information is as accurate as possible, at the time of printing, rust and rust races can change quickly and we suggest you ask for the latest results before planting if you are concerned about rust in your crop. R = resistant. S = susceptible.*

Variety	Early winter feed	Winter feed	Spring feed	Grazing suitability		
				Cattle	Sheep	Horses
Drover	★★★	★★★★	★★★★	Very Good	Good	Very Good

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