

DROVER



OATS

VARIETY ATTRIBUTES

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. Drover is slightly earlier to flower than Taipan.

Key features

- 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 was selected for its high level of dry matter production and regrowth ability.

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 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.

Dryland planting rates

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| CQ & Western Qld | 25-40 kg/ha |
| Southern Qld | 40-60 kg/ha |
| N & C NSW | 40-60 kg/ha |
| S NSW & Vic | 60-80 kg/ha |

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

Grazing management

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

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| NAME | Maturity | Plant Type | Leaf Rust | Time to first grazing | Autumn/Early winter feed | Winter feed | Spring feed |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| DROVER | Med/Late | Intermediate | See table below | Medium | *** | **** | **** |
| COMET | Late | Semi-Erect | | Med/Quick | **** | *** | **** |
| SABRE | Late | Intermediate | | Med/Quick | **** | *** | **** |
| RAPTOR | Early | Semi-Erect | | Quick | **** | **** | *** |

| LEAF RUST PATHOTYPE | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| NAME | 567 | 605 | 609 | 624 | 636 | 642 | 684 |
| DROVER | R | R | R | S | S | S | S |
| COMET | R | R | R | R | R | R | S |
| SABRE | R | R | R | R | R | R | R |
| RAPTOR | R | R | R | MR | MR | MR | MR |

Leaf rust scoring carried out on seedlings by the University of Sydney - Plant Breeding Institute.