

SIGNAL GRASS

Urochloa decumbens

Signal grass is an aggressive and persistent tropical grass suited for Australia's coastal regions

BENEFITS

- Productive under high levels of soil aluminium and heavy grazing pressures
- Leaves will brown off when frost is present

LIMITATIONS

- Signal grass contains oxalates and should not be consumed by horses



+800mm



Wide Range



4.5-7.5



Planting: 3-15kg/ha

PLANTING

- Signal can be sown into a prepared seed bed; or
- Can be direct drilled into a sprayed out clean paddock
- Paddock should be rolled to ensure seed soil contact



ESTABLISHMENT

Light grazing should be done in the first six months of pasture establishment to encourage plant development.

Signal can cope with periods of heavy grazing. Seed set should be allowed to increase persistence and seedling recruitment in the first year. Signal grass can also be cut for hay/silage prior to head emergence when quality/quantity is at its highest.

Responds well to nitrogen fertiliser.

USES suited to the following livestock, silage and hay



Companion Species - Tropical grasses, Rhodes, Panic, Setaria, Digits. Tropical legumes Desmanthus, Stylos, Centros, Wynn Cassia, Leucaena