

ERAGROSTIS TEFF

EMERALD

OVERVIEW

A re-look at Teff has been a long time coming. Capstone Seeds is now in the process of releasing a couple of new varieties, one of which is EMERALD. EMERALD. is a multi-purpose, white seeded type suitable for hay, grazing or grain.

This plant is leafier and has softer leaves than the traditional S.A. Brown variety. This means that although it still has an application for hay, it can also add grazing to its repertoire of purposes.

For the farmer, this means that he can use EMERALD. as a grazing pasture to fill the autumn gap.

Should EMERALD. be needed for grazing, the potential is very good because the plant is bigger with a lot of material. The leaf and stem width are wider than S.A. BROWN, and it is a taller growing plant.

The value of teff is well known and documented. It can be cultivated under a wide range of environmental conditions, such as on marginal soils and it can also handle dry conditions. Teff can produce a crop in a relatively short time and will produce both grain for human food and fodder for cattle.

Teff is relatively free of plant diseases when compared to other cereal crops. It is therefore a reliable and low-risk crop. It can be stored easily and for relatively long periods of time.

EMERALD. has all the advantages of S.A Brown and more because it has been bred for bulk and palatability

Teff grows best in a fine, firm seedbed and must be well rolled. The seed must not be planted too deep. Variety protected by plant breeder's rights

- Bred for bulk palatability
- Leafier and softer than S.A. Brown
- Multi-purpose, white seeded type
- Requires a fine, firm seedbed
- Can be used for hay as well as grazing and grain

