

COMMANDER FORAGE CHICORY



550mm+



4.5-7.5



Most Soil Types



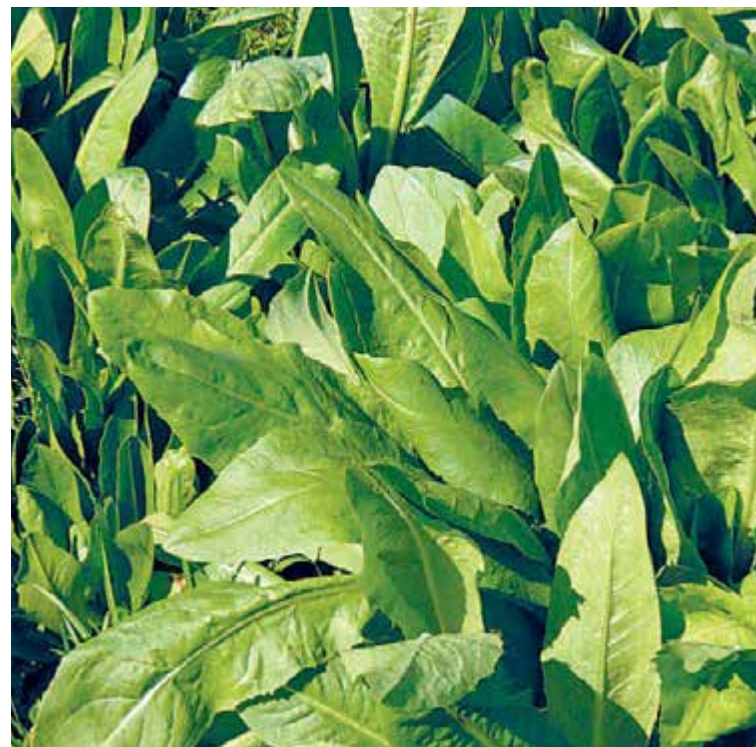
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KEY FEATURES

- Performs all year round including winter
- Fast establishment and regrowth after grazing
- High quality winter active forage chicory with a leafy and erect growth habit
- Responds to summer rain
- Low crown gives good production over 2-5 years
- Alternative to lucerne in problem soils
- Sown at 5-6kg/ha with legumes and 1-2kg/ha as part of a pasture mix.

DESCRIPTION

Commander is a winter active forage chicory that provides excellent year round growth. It has a low crown giving good grazing tolerance plus a leafy and erect growth habit making grazing easier for livestock. Commander establishes quickly and benefits from good disease resistance. As Commander combines high winter activity with excellent year round growth, it has a more even growth curve providing good feed year round.



HIGH PALATABILITY

Chicory has excellent feed quality and is highly palatable to stock giving excellent stock performance. Commander also has an erect growth habit giving easier grazing and improved utilization.

VARIETY MANAGEMENT/AGRONOMY

Commander has a low crown and excellent root rot resistance making it highly tolerant of winter grazing and giving it very good persistence for a winter active variety. Commander will persist for 2 - 5 years or more if managed correctly.

Commander should be sown at 5 - 6 kg/ha with legumes as a specialist pasture or 1 - 2 kg/ha as part of a mixed pasture.

Yield

	Winter	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Total
Commander % of trial mean	106	106	95	104	101
Grouse % of trial mean	100	100	100	100	100
Puna % of trial mean	60	75	114	96	81

Relative yield Howlong, NSW 2002 - 2004

Relative Root Rot Incidence - Howlong

Commander % of trial mean	Grouse % of trial mean	Puna % of trial mean
79	100	170

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