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CAATINGA STYLO MIX



Stylosanthes seabrana

Caatinga Stylo Mix (mixture of Unica and Primar stylo) is grown, cleaned and marketed solely by Southedge Seeds. Although it has been growing at sites at Roma, Wallumbilla, St George, Nebo and Marlborough for the past 10 years, its worthiness as a perennial pasture legume has only come to the forefront in the past two years as drier conditions highlight its potential.

Checklist

- ✓ Strictly summer dominant growth
- ✓ Tolerates frosts
- ✓ Shows excellent drought resistance
- ✓ Good resistance to anthracnose
- ✓ Plants will live up to 4 years
- ✓ Can withstand heavy grazing once established
- ✓ Sowing rate of 10-50 ENVIROGRO® pellets per square metre or 1–5kg/ha dependent pure seed count.

Environment

Caatinga Stylos are well suited in tropical to sub-tropical growing conditions with summer dominant rainfall where average annual rainfall is greater than 550mm.

The Caatinga Stylos have a greater tolerance to frost than Seca and Verano type stylos, with plants often developing crowns below the soil.

Soil Type

Caatinga Stylos are suited to a wide range of soil types, often being recommended for planting on clay loams-heavy cracking clays, where many of the other stylos are not suited. They grow on open downs country, brigalow/belah and red box/belah soils. However they will not grow in seasonally flooded melon holes in brigalow clay soils.

Caatinga Stylos prefer fertile soils, including a reasonable phosphorus level and a soil pH which is neutral to slightly alkaline.

Establishment

Establishing the Caatinga Stylos has been one of the limiting factors in the adoption of planting into pastures.

Traditionally, they are being planted onto old cultivation or fertile soils, where establishing seedlings struggle to compete with vigorous grasses.

This can be overcome by seeding in strips or bands within the pasture, where inter plant competition has been reduced. As seed technology improves, seed dormancy will be reduced to increase the level of early plant germination. Inoculation is critical for the Caatinga Stylos as they require a specific inoculum, which is included with the ENVIROGRO® pelleted seed.



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