



## PASTURE: RHODES GRASS: KATAMBORA

### PRODUCTION POTENTIAL:

- Dry matter production: 3 – 20 t/ha/annum

### TYPE

- Sub-tropical, Grass

### PRODUCTION PERIOD

- Perennial, Summer

### STRENGTHS:

- Easy establishment and rapid growth
- Persistent under controlled grazing systems
- Tolerant to drought

### FEEDING VALUE:

- Crude protein: 3– 8 %
- Digestibility: 44 - 56 %

### USES:

- Grazing, hay & erosion control

### SOIL REQUIREMENTS:

- Widely adapted to most soil types and tolerant to waterlogging
- pH range of 5.5 – 8.0

### ESTABLISHMENT:

- Plant during October – November and February-March
- Seeding rate of 4– 6 kg/ha dryland and 6 – 8 kg/ha irrigated

### MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION

- Tufted, erect growing, 1 – 2 m tall
- Leaf blade is glabrous, except at the base near the stem
- 30 – 40 cm x 3 – 5 mm; tapering to the point
- Light and fluffy seeds; brown; 3.5 mm long; 4 000 000 seeds/kg

*Chloris gayana*