

LEGUMINOUS FORAGE CROPS

Lotus corniculatus L.

CRUZ DEL SUR

Morphological and physiological characteristics

- Shape : erect
- Size: medium – big
- Precocity : medium – early
- Re-sprouting speed: quick

Agronomic characteristics

- Cold resistance: good
- Disease resistance: very good
- Productivity: high
- Use : green forage, grazing

Agronomic procedure

- Seeding period:
 - ▶ spring in areas with cold winter temperatures
 - ▶ autumn in Mediterranean areas
- Sowing quantity: 25-30 kg/ha
- Sowing depth: 0.5 – 2 cm
- Fertilisation: moderate quantities of nitrogen (30-50 kg/ha), higher quantities of phosphorous and potassium (120 kg/ha)

CRUZ DEL SUR is a variety of birdsfoot trefoil perfectly suited for pushed sowing. Sowing on its own is preferable during the first few years of use, while later on it may be combined with wheat. During the first year, 2 crops may be obtained in well watered soil. In the following years 3-4 crops will be possible, with very high yield levels, not only on low lands, but also in mountain areas. It is extremely well suited for grazing, ensilage, and hay production.