

## WEEPING TAGASASTE SEEDLINGS

**KIMSEED IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT IT IS A SUPPLIER OF WEEPING TAGASASTE**

**The ultimate fodder crop! A prostrate cultivar of regular tagasaste produced in Western Australia.**

### Introduction

Weeping tagasaste is a natural mutation of the standard vertical form. Instead of growing vertical it 'weeps' and grows prostrate. After the discovery of the mutation it has been cultivated to promote its characteristics to graziers.

### Characteristics

- High quality green feed available for most of the year
- Grows well in most soil types
- Best used on sandy country that otherwise struggle to produce an income
- Drought tolerant
- Frost resistant
- Tolerates climatic variations

### Key benefits

- Elimination of bi-annual cutting, saving time and money
- Increases available fodder as it is easier for stock to graze entire plant
- Capable of harvesting excess ground water
- Provides fodder during the February feed gap
- Inoculated with nitrogen fixing bacterium to harvest nitrogen by root nodulation
- Improves soil structure
- Fire resistant

### Nutrition

- 22% Crude protein
- 69% Digestibility
- 9.9MG/KG Metabolic

### Planting

- Weed suppression is essential, land needs ripping and scalping
- Recommended that seedlings be planted in a grid pattern:
  - allows each plant to be separate
  - stock can graze all around the plant, assisting with the management of low growth.
- Do not over graze as this will reduce plants ability to recover
- Plant 50mm deeper than the root ball
- Fertiliser- control release
  - 20-10-20 at the rate of 15g per seedling at planting
- Use of tree guards are recommended



**Established Weeping Tagasaste**



**Regular Tagasaste**

**Sustainable land management and practical applications since 1970**



### Planting Densities

- Vary depending on rainfall
  - 660 stems per hectare in low rainfall
  - 1200 stems per hectare in high rainfall or perched water tables

### Grazing

- Seedlings grow quickly driving roots deep into the soil in 18-24 months
- Profuse foliage and shoot growth occurs with warm soils in spring
- Plants should be withheld from stock for 18 months or until the stems have a diameter of 25mm or more
- Monitor the first graze to a light pick
- Weeping tagasaste is highly suited to cell grazing
- Maximises feed efficiency and stock condition
- 4x3m grid system

### Crop Care

- Weeping tagasaste is a robust plant and can survive in difficult situations
- Needs to be treated like any other high value pasture crop
- Apply slow release 20-10-20 NPK and trace elements mid- late August
- Low PH soil are unlikely to produce high quality feed- add lime if PH is low

### Questions?

- Please contact a member of staff at Kimseed who will be happy to help

### Weeping Tagasaste Seeds

- Pre-treated Seeds also available (Approx. 40 seeds/gm)

### Purchasing Terms

- Minimum purchase amount is 128 seedlings (2 Trays in one box)



Seedling Tray

### Grazing Characteristics of Weeping Tagasaste



After Grazing



Recovered plants after 6 Weeks