

## ATTRIBUTES

In replicated cutting trials Drover has shown slightly lower dry matter yields than Taipan in the initial growth but higher yield through the winter months (see graph overleaf). Drover is slightly earlier to flower than Taipan.

### Key features

- Good warm soil emergence (up to 28°C)
- Produces large quantities of winter feed
- Will remain vegetative into late spring
- High dry matter production
- Good choice for grazing and hay
- Intermediate growth habit

### Background

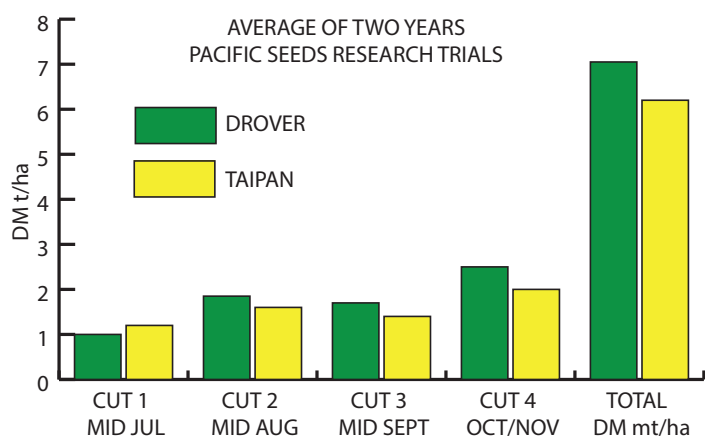
Drover has been selected for its high level of dry matter production, regrowth ability and leaf rust resistance.

### Plant type

Drover is a grazing oat with very good post grazing recovery. It has an intermediate growth habit similar to that of Warrego. Drover also has relatively low growing points which makes it suitable for high stocking rates for all classes of livestock.

### Leaf rust resistance

Drover is now susceptible to the current races of leaf rust. However, good grazing or cutting management will reduce the impacts of leaf rust if the resistance status does change. Like all other current oat varieties, it is susceptible to stem rust.



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# Drover

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### Grazing management

Drover is suitable for all classes of livestock, hay or silage production. For best regrowth do not graze below the growing point located just above the highest node.

### Planting rates

CQ & Western Qld		25-40 kg/ha
Southern Qld		25-50 kg/ha
N & C NSW		25-50 kg/ha
S NSW & Vic	dryland	55 - 100 kg/ha
	irrigated	50 - 100 kg/ha
Tasmania		100 kg/ha

Variety	Drover
Time to initial heading from early planting	Medium
Plant Type	Intermediate
Leaf rust reaction	Susceptible
Stem rust reaction	Susceptible
Time to first grazing	Medium/quick
Don't graze below	10 - 15cm
Early winter feed	***
Winter Feed	****
Spring Feed	****
Grazing - Cattle	Very Good
- Sheep	Good
- Horses	Very Good