FORAGE & GRAIN CROPS

Popany Vetch

Multipurpose legume for higher rainfall areas

Vicia benghalensis

Popany is a later-maturing vetch (130+ days), best suited to higher rainfall areas, providing valuable late-season feed for grazing, hay or silage, and green manure.



ABOUT THIS VARIETY

Popany is a multipurpose legume that can be used for forage or as a soil improver. Common vetch suits drier areas and systems requiring early grazing or grain, while Popany is a later-maturing variety best suited to higher rainfall areas.

Annual vetches are extremely palatable at all growth stages and are a reliable legume providing high feed values as pasture, hay, silage and grain. Vetch is a great soil improver, improving soil fertility, structure and organic matter whilst suppressing weeds and offering a good disease break for cereal crops.

QUICK FACTS

TYPE & PERSISTENCY
Annual

MIN RAINFALL
450 mm+

SOWING RATE
30–35 kg/ha General

TOLERANCES
Waterlogging

END USE
Grazing, Hay, Silage, Green manure, Cover crop, Break crop

LIVESTOCK
Sheep, Beef, Dairy

KEY ATTRIBUTES

- ✓ Later-maturing variety (130+ days)
- ✓ Suits green manure
- ✓ Good disease break for cereal crops
- ✓ Valuable late-season feed for grazing, hay or silage
- ✓ Extremely palatable at all growth stages

PLANTING & GRAZING NOTES

Sow in autumn after a reliable opening rain, alone or at a reduced rate with a cereal such as triticale or oats for silage. Inoculate the seed (inoculant group E) and control redlegged earth mite and lucerne flea early. Graze lightly once established and rotate stock. Plants infected by rust can cause abortion in pregnant ruminants: check for rust and do not graze the crop if it occurs.

DISEASE & PEST RESISTANCE

In early growth vetches are sensitive to redlegged earth mite and lucerne flea, and later to cowpea aphids and native budworm at flowering and podding.

HOW IT'S SOLD

FORM	PACK
Bare / de-hulled	25 kg