

## Namoi Vetch (*Vicia villosa* spp. *dasycarpa*)

Namoi Vetch is a self-regenerating legume that persists on a wide range of soil types. An annual, growing from autumn to spring, Namoi Vetch is drought tolerant and less likely to cause bloat than other legume alternatives.

### Advantages

- adapted to a wide range of soil types
- drought tolerant
- high nutritional value
- less likely to cause bloat than alternative legumes

### Limitations

- low temperatures can restrict growth

### Seeding rate

6 – 10 kg/ha

### Rainfall

600 mm+

### Planting

Growing on a wide range of moderately fertile soil types, Namoi Vetch prefers well drained soil types. Requires 600 mm+ rainfall. Can be broadcast, however it has low establishment rates on bare or hardsetting soil. Sowing can commence February to mid-June dependant on available moisture.

### General fertilisation guide

Application of phosphorous, sulphur and molybdenum may be required depending on soil type.

### Growing management

Grazing should commence after branching, as plants are susceptible to dying if grazed heavily before this stage. Therefore, light grazing is recommended prior to branching and during the first year's growth to ensure good seed set.

### Fodder quality

High in protein 19.5-25.8% and digestibility, Namoi Vetch has high fodder quality. Stock may take a few days to readily consume feed.

