

LUCERNE (ALFALFA)

Lucerne (*Medicago sativa*) is a perennial pasture legume suitable for dry high hill region. It gives, on average, 400 quintals green fodder per ha and can be utilized for grazing and hay making. The crude protein content in lucerne is 22% on dry matter basis.

Varieties

Sirsa-9 (Type-9) and Anand-3
(Given under Lucerne for other zones)

Sowing time : March-April, after melting of snow.

Seed rate : 15 kg/ha.

Other practices : 2-4 irrigations in summer, if available. Three cuttings can be obtained in a season.