Woolly Pod Vetch
NAMOI

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400mm-650mm+ | 5.0-8.0 | Most Soil Types | E or Agristrike

Sowing rate: 6-10kg/ha (Pure) 4-6kg/ha (Pasture Mixes)

Key Features

- Mid maturing, self regenerating annual
- Indeterminate flowering
- Moderately drought tolerant
- Suitable for grazing, hay and green manuring
- Highly efficient at fixing nitrogen
- Excellent disease break
- Hard seeded

Description

Namoi Woolly Pod Vetch *(Vicia villosa)* is a mid season, hard seeded, self regenerating annual with a semi erect growth habit. Namoi is suited to a wide range of soil types, performing better on lighter soil types compared to other Vetch species. It is well adapted to low rainfall situations and suited to long term cropping rotations. It also provides the added benefits of being moderately drought tolerant as well as being a highly efficient and effective soil nitrogen producer. Mature plants form a dense canopy, providing strong weed competition. Namoi is ideal as a break crop and is well suited for hay production or turned in as green manure to improve soil health.

Disease Resistance/Tolerance

Namoi demonstrated resistance to Chocolate Spot *(Botrytis ssp.)*, Rust *(Uromyces ssp.)* and Ascochyta Blight *(Ascochyta ssp.)*. Namoi Woolly Pod Vetch adds to the rotation by providing an excellent alternative crop for controlling cereal root diseases.

Pest Resistance

Namoi is susceptible to Red Legged Earth Mites *(Halotydens destructor)*, Cow Pea Aphid *(Aphis craccivora)*, and Native Bud Worm *(Helicoverpa punctigera)* and appropriate control measures should be taken prior to or soon after gemination.

Variety Management/Agronomy

Regeneration: Namoi produces 80-90% hard seed. This is advantageous for crop/pasture rotations that require long term persistence.

Grazing: Vetch is not suited to intensive grazing, as it's growing points are well above ground level. However, in longer season environments, Namoi can be lightly grazed successfully during winter and early spring provided the growing points are not damaged. Heavy grazing can cause significant damage to the plant and it may not recover. Bloat can be a problem on pure Vetch stands and stock need to be monitored if grazing actively on growing/green Vetch paddocks.

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