

# CHICORY ESPETADA

## OVERVIEW

ESPETADA is a chicory (*Cichorium intybus* L.) cultivar selected from a number of types commonly cultivated in Uruguay.

The selection process identified key traits such as growth habit, reproductive cycle and leafiness. As a result ESPETADA is a very uniform cultivar with erect, smooth, light green leaves, which clearly differentiate it from common varieties.

Plants in general, exhibit excellent persistence and regrowth, making it a reliable choice. It demonstrates a late flowering period, ensuring prolonged availability and production.

During the entire vegetative period, ESPETADA stands out for its high quality forage. In the vegetative state it has excellent digestibility with a rate of 70% OMD, while also exhibiting a high protein content at a rate of 22% CP, while low values of ADF at 24% and NDF at 35%.

Its late leafiness and flowering prolong high quality spring forage by reducing the volume of stems produced and delaying hardening of the pasture. Flowering takes place from November to March, presenting its maximum flowering in mid-December.

The plants continue to grow during the winter, highlighting their higher autumn production compared to other cultivars with a more erect habit.

- Superior forage quality due to high leaf/stem ratio
- High performance in autumn-winter
- Upright behaviour adapted to grazing
- Long period of use with late emission of the floral stem
- Ideal for pastures associated with red clover
- High animal preference
- Sow at 1kg / ha in mixes up to 8kg / ha pure

