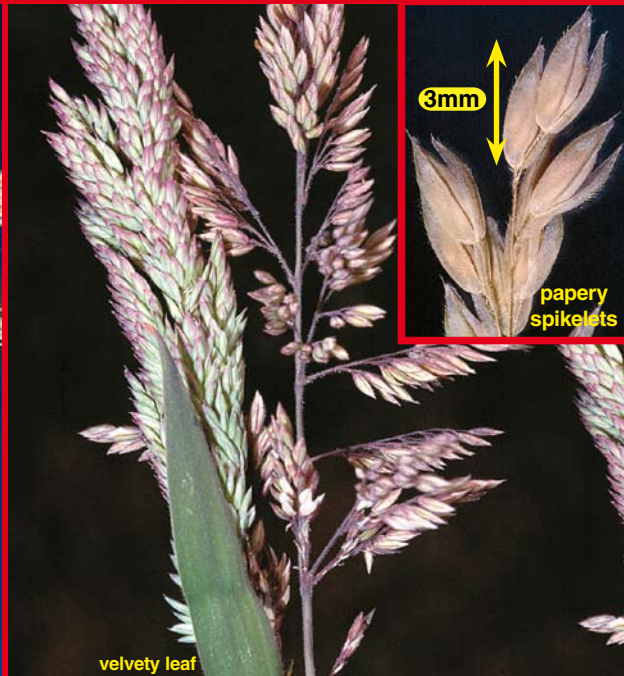


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SALTdeck Series

YORKSHIRE FOG

Holcus lanatus

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Alternative name: Fog Grass.

Family: Poaceae.

Description: Softly hairy perennial to 1 m high. Flowerhead a loose to dense panicle, whitish to pale green to pale purple in colour. Soft papery spikelets (see photo) with the inner parts falling together at maturity. Flowers mostly spring to early summer.

Key features: Greyish-green, flat, soft, velvety-hairy leaves to 20 cm long (see photo). Soft green-purplish seedheads fading to white at maturity.

Value: Grazed when young but stock avoid the velvety leaves when other forage is available.

Salinity and waterlogging tolerance: Low to moderate tolerance to saline and waterlogged soils.

Notes: Native to Africa, Europe and northern Asia, now widely naturalised in high rainfall areas across temperate Australia. Persists on the margins of creeks and streams in temperate regions that do not regularly dry out.

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