

SS2070 LM Sorghum Sudangrass

Key Features

SS 2070 is a very high-yielding conventional Sorghum X Sudangrass that is fast to grow and quick to recover from cutting or grazing. This Sorghum X Sudangrass is late maturing and will not head out in the Midwest until late fall. The late maturity means the plant will maintain low lignin levels during the harvest period.

Uses

Grazing
Baleage
Silage
Cover Crop

Planting Time

Late Spring- Early Summer



Establishment

Seeding can be effectively done with a grain drill. Seed in late spring to early summer when soils have reached 60°.

Management Keys

SS 2070 can be cut and wilted while in a vegetative growth stage. Mechanically harvest when plants reach 42" in height, leaving a 6–8" stubble. Grazing management is similar, but you may want to begin grazing SS 2070 as short as 24" to account for accumulated growth during the grazing period.

Weed control options are limited. Check with your local supplier for possible options. Generally, Sorghum X Sudangrass is fast establishing and will out compete most weed pressure, especially after the first cutting.

Grazing with SS 2070, leave a 6" stubble for maximum regrowth and recovery.

Do not graze crops after resumed growth following stressful conditions such as drought or frost. Allow enough time for the nitrates and prussic acid to dissipate or convert. Allow 7-9 days after a frost for the plants to dry before resuming grazing. This allows the prussic acid to dissipate. If in doubt test the forage before feeding for nitrates and prussic acid.

Seasonal needs for sorghum-sudangrass is approximately 1.0 to 1.25 lbs of nitrogen per day of growth. Pre-plant no more than 50 lbs of nitrogen in all forms and 30-50 for each following harvest. It is recommended to fertilize with a balanced program.

Characteristics

Standability	5
Baleage	3
Silage	5
Grazing	5
Height	Tall

Scale 1-5 (1 = Poor, 5 = Excellent)

Seeding Rate

20-25 lbs per acre

