

SS2080 LM Sorghum Sudangrass

Key Features

SS 2080 LM is a late maturing sorghum sudangrass. At 40-90 days to harvest, this is a flexible forage option for a summer annual. The late maturity leaves no concern of the plant becoming overly mature before harvest or grazing. The BMR characteristic makes this an extremely palatable and digestible forage as it contains lower lignin than conventional options.

Uses

Grazing
Baleage
Silage

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 2080 LM 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 2080 LM 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.

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	4
Silage	5
Grazing	5
Height	Medium

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

Seeding Rate

Multi-Cut	20-25 lbs per acre
Single Cut	6-9 lbs per acre

