

MER SUMMER ANNUAL CT FLEXIBILITY CHART



| | | Key Feature(s) | Additional Talking Point(s) | Single-Cut Suitability | No-Till Adaptability ¹ | Narrow vs. Wide Rows ² |
|-----------------|----------------------|---|---|--|---|---|
| SS | QuickDry BMR | Traditional BMR 6 suited for our entire footprint | Maximum BMR tonnage potential in most areas | YES = however quality will be lessened & lodging risk increases | Yes = increase seeding rates by 20% & use milo plate if | Either way = 7.5"-15" rows will require higher seeding |
| | | Better than average SCAT | Traditional growth habit | | using a planter | rate vs. 30" |
| | | Brachytic dwarf BMR | Increased harvest flexibility = | YES = tonnage will suffer, but less | Yes = increase seeding rates | Either way = 7.5"-15" rows |
| / SUDANGRASS | Dense Tonnage BMR BD | Very high leaf/stem ration further increases quality | still regrows when cut too low to the ground | lodging; manage fiber/starch | by 20% & use milo plate if using a planter | will require higher seeding rate vs. 30" |
| | | Tonnage AND quality | Improved disease resistance | YES = late maturity/PPS feature | Yes = increase seeding rates | Either way = if goal is max |
| | EverGrow BMR PPS | Remains vegetative until mid- September | compared to others in our lineup (moves north & east) | will minimize percentage of starch | by 20% & use milo plate if using a planter | cuttings, 30" rows will ease tire traffic risk |
| SORGHUM X SUDAN | GreenSugar TR | Economy non-BMR | Increase planting population if improved quality is desired | Doubtful = not designed for 1-cut systems (quality, lodging issues) | Yes = increase seeding rates by 20% & use milo plate if using a planter | Either way = 7.5"-15" rows will require higher seeding rate vs. 30" |
| | GreenSugar MS | More sugar/protein in vegetative portions of the plant compared to non-MS | No seed head = less lodging in the short term | Doubtful = not designed for 1-cut systems (even w/MS, lodging is likely) | Yes = increase seeding rates by 20% & use milo plate if using a planter | Either way = 7.5"-15" rows will require higher seeding rate vs. 30" |
| | BaleMore Sudangrass | Best option when dry hay production is the goal | Quick regrowth makes for a great grazing option | Doubtful = not designed for 1-cut systems (quality, lodging issues) | Yes = increase seeding rates by 20% & use milo plate if using a planter | Either way, however narrow rows offer more weed suppression |
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| MU | 95 BMR | BMR 6 dwarf hybrid offering improved standability | Better than average disease tolerance means this hybrid moves north and east too | 100 - 115 Days | Increase seeding rates up to 10% & use milo plate if using a planter | Narrower rows likely boost yield, but restrict harvest flexibility |
| GE SORGH | 94 BMR MS | BMR 6 hybrid with MS | Just like GreenSugar MS, higher sugar levels found in the leaves and stem of plant | 90 - 105 Days | Increase seeding rates up to 10% & use milo plate if using a planter | Narrower rows likely boost yield, but restrict harvest flexibility |
| FORA | GW3072 | Traditional non-BMR | Shorter plant structure helps with standability | 90 - 105 Days | | Narrower rows likely boost yield, but restrict harvest flexibility |
| | | | White grain head | | | |

¹No-Till Adaptability - Planting should be delayed until soil temperatures reach 65°F at 2-4" depth, which might take longer depending on surface residue. For no-till to work, seed-to-soil contact must be maximized and the seed furrow must be adequately closed. Once a grower is comfortable with no-till, seeding rates can usually be lowered to lessen the risk of lodging.

²Narrow vs. Wide Rows - Several facets need to be considered when determining row width: harvest practice, volume of traffic, & pre and post weed control measures needed. Seeding rate recommendations often decrease slightly in 30" rows to compensate for in-row competition.

*Late-Season Timing - For our far northern regions, our forage sorghum hybrids will need to be planted by the 1st half of June to guarantee enough time for harvest (at soft-dough) prior to frost.

 KEY:
 BD = Brachytic Dwarf
 MS = Male Sterile

 BMR = Brown Mid-Rib
 SCAT = Sugarcane Aphid Tolerance



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