

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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