

# BaleMore Sudangrass

- **Best summer annual option when dry hay production is planned**
- **Strong emergence and quick regrowth**
- **Can also be used for grazing or green chop**

## USES:

- **Grazing** - recommended beginning height is 18 to 24 inches with a stop height of 6 to 8 inches (or at least 2 nodes remaining)
- **Hay/Baleage** - more suitable than sorghum x sudangrass for dry hay – optimal timing is 40 days or 40 inches
- Dense stands offer multiple cover crop advantages – from weed suppression to nematode control
- Emergency hay or pasture option

## SEEDING

APPROXIMATE SEEDS /LB	<b>35,000 - 40,000</b>
SOIL TEMPERATURE (F)	<b>60°</b>
PLANTING DEPTH (IN)	<b>¾ - 1½</b>
MATURITY	<b>EARLY MED</b>
DRYLAND SEEDING LBS/ACRE	<b>15 - 25</b>
IRRIGATION/HI-RAIN SEEDING LBS/ACRE	<b>20 - 35</b>

- Can be no-tilled into the stubble of winter and spring crops

## FERTILITY

- Under favorable conditions, 1 to 1.25 lbs of nitrogen per day of planned growth should be available for maximum production, with little risk for nitrate poisoning. (For example, for a planned 40 day harvest, 40 to 45 lbs of nitrogen should be available)
- Fertility requirements are similar to those of corn silage

## HARVEST & MANAGEMENT TIPS

- Dry hay and/or baleage are applicable where and when paper harvest management is followed. Dry hay is suited for areas with less moisture and humidity; baleage offers more flexibility in all other areas
- Harvest at proper moisture (yield and quality are maximized between 60% and 72%)
- Wide windows are required for baleage products to insure rapid dry down.
- For silage, keep chop length uniform (around ½ inches)

## AVOIDING NITRATE POISONING & PRUSSIC ACID POISONING

- Do not harvest drought stricken plants within four days following a heavy rain
- Do not apply nitrogen prior to expected drought periods
- If in doubt, cut at higher stubble height as nitrates tend to accumulate in the lower stalk
- If high prussic acid is found, wait one month prior to feeding. Unlike excessive nitrates, prussic acid will escape from the plant over time
- When questions about livestock safety remain, get forage tested promptly

RECOVERY AFTER CUTTING	LEAF DISEASE RESISTANCE	SUGARCANE APHID TOLERANCE	SINGLE SILAGE CUT SUITABILITY	RAPID DRY DOWN
3	3	1	2	4

Ratings are based on comparison with other products of like maturity/product use.

1 = POOR 5 = EXCELLENT

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