

# Graze It

## Medium Maturity Sorghum-Sudangrass

- Ideal for dryland or limited irrigation production
- Thin-stemmed plant type
- Versatile crop usage for hay, silage and grazing



### CHARACTERISTICS & RATINGS

**Medium** Relative Maturity

**65** Days to Boot Stage

**Standard non-BMR-6** Midrib

**15-17** Seeds/Lb (1,000) – check seed bag

Yield for Maturity	1
Forage Yield Potential	4
Palatability	4
Digestibility	4
Seedling Vigor	2
Recovery After Cutting	1
Plant Uniformity	3
Standability	1
Downy Mildew	4
Anthrachnose	4
Fusarium Wilt	4

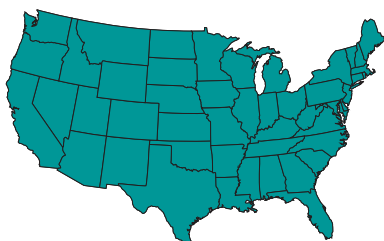
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Based on Alta Seeds research trials relative to other Alta Seeds products.

#### Recommended Seeding Rates:

Vary depending on local growing conditions.

Please see your Alta Seeds retailer for local recommendations.



Primary area of adaptation

### CROP USE

Silage	3
Dry Hay	1
Continuous Grazing	4
Begin Height 24" • Stop Height 6"	
Rotational Grazing	1
Begin Height 24" • Stop Height 6"	

Graze It is a versatile hybrid capable of producing a high tonnage of dry matter for grazing, hay, silage, green manure or organic matter. Graze It has exceptional heat and drought stress tolerance and fast regrowth.

### FIELD POSITIONING

Tough Dryland	HS
High Yield Dryland	S
Limited Irrigation	S
Full Irrigation	S
No-Till	S
Poorly Drained Soils	S
Anthrachnose Prone Area	MA
Fusarium Prone Area	MA

Observed Suitability and Field-by-Field Positioning  
 HS = Highly Suitable      S = Suitable  
 MA = Manage Appropriately      X = Poor Suitability



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## SORGHUM-SUDANGRASS MANAGEMENT AND PRODUCTION GUIDE

### STRENGTHS:

- Very good dry matter yield potential
- Excellent early season vigor and regrowth
- Dark green plant color
- Small-seeded product
- Thin-stemmed plant type
- Low water requirement
- Versatile crop usage for hay, silage and grazing

### SEEDING:

- Soil temperature should be at least 60 °F.
- Avg. seeds per pound: 15,000-17,000.
- Planting depth should be 1".
- Seeding rate is important. Follow recommended plant populations for your area.
- Do not plant in soils with pH greater than 7.5-8.0 as iron chlorosis can be a severe problem.
- Can be no-tilled into the stubble of winter and spring crops.

### FERTILITY:

- A soil test is highly recommended to establish a baseline of fertility requirements.
- Reduce nitrogen rates for less than optimum growing conditions.
- Under favorable growing conditions, apply 1 to 1.25 lbs of nitrogen per day of planned growth. For example, for a planned 60-day harvest, apply 50 to 75 lbs of nitrogen; for a subsequent planned 30-day cutting, reapply 30 to 37 lbs of nitrogen.
- Potassium levels should be kept up, particularly if the soil pH is lower than 6.2.
- If soil pH is above 7.0, a foliar application of iron may be necessary or iron chlorosis (yellowing of the leaves) may be a problem. This can be reduced by foliar feeding iron while plants are still young.

### HARVEST:

- For the best quality and yield under a multicut program, harvest at 40 days or 40" of growth, whichever comes first.
- Protein will decline as harvest is delayed. Energy will increase upon heading due to continued sugar formation in the sorghum stalks and leaves, and carbohydrate deposition in the developing grain.
- Careful attention should be paid to the cutting height. For regrowth, two nodes or 6" of stubble is optimal.
- Sharp blades provide for a clean cut and enhance regrowth.

## AVOIDING NITRATE AND PRUSSIC ACID POISONING FROM SORGHUM

- Avoid large nitrogen applications prior to expected drought periods, which can increase prussic acid concentration for several weeks after application.
- Do not harvest drought-damaged plants within four days following a good rain.
- Do not greenchop within seven days of a killing frost.
- Cut at a higher stubble height – nitrates tend to accumulate in the lower stalk.
- Wait one month before feeding silage to give prussic acid enough time to escape.

Note: Ratings are based on testing over a number of years in numerous locations. Adverse environmental conditions and planting dates may alter a hybrid's performance, maturity and resistance to certain diseases and insects.