



FORAGE SORGHUM

Producers may know that cover crops benefit the soil and agricultural operations, but do they know the benefits of each species? Each month a different cover crop species will be highlighted to provide producers with information needed to successfully grow cover crops or alternative forages on their operation.

AT A GLANCE

- Grows 6-12 feet tall
- Coarse-stemmed, ideal for silage production
- Produces more dry matter tonnage than grain sorghum
- Typically planted as a summer annual cover crop

PLANTING DETAILS

- Seeds/lb: 5,000-7,000
- Planting depth: 1 - 1 1/2"
- Planting dates:
 - Late May- Early June
- Rate per acre: 7-9 lbs/acre
- Min germination temp: 60 F

ABOUT FORAGE SORGHUM

- A warm-season grass, mainly utilized for forage and silage
- Can thrive in a variety of soil types, including marginal soils
- Drought resistance helps reduce water input needs.

BENEFITS

Forage Yield

Produces large amounts of dry matter, maximizing forage yield. It is an excellent choice for silage, providing high-quality feed for cattle.

Soil Health

It improves soil health by adding organic matter and promoting microbial activity. It works well in no-till and regenerative farming systems, contributing to soil moisture retention



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