Vigor Sorghum Sudangrass



Heat and Drought Tolerant Fast Recovery After Cutting High Yield and Quality – A Premium Forage

Vigor HYH is a new improved premium forage product selected for its high productivity, exceptional sweetness and improved forage quality. The leaves of **Vigor HYH** tend to be wider and longer than most conventional sorghum-sudans on the market. The stems are fine, sweet, very juicy and highly nutritious. This combination promotes greater intake, improved digestibility and increased animal performance in beef and dairy cows. **Vigor HYH** has exceptional heat and drought stress tolerance, very fast re-growth after cutting and improved plant health and disease tolerance for optimum forage production in a standard product. Small-seeded and thin-stemmed.

AGRONOMIC TRAITS

| Early Seedling Vigor: | Excellent |
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| Growth Habit: | Upright |
| Recovery After Cutting: | Excellent |
| Maturity: | 70 day to Boot |
| Uniformity: | Excellent |
| Midrib Type: | Juicy |

RECOMMENDED SEEDING RATES

| | BROADCAST | | |
|---|------------|----------------------------|--|
| | Dryland | Irrigated | |
| Pounds per acre: | 10 - 30 | 35 - 80 | |
| | Hay/Silage | Grazing | |
| Pounds per acre: | 25 - 40 | 35 - 50 | |
| Approx. Seeds per Pound: Bag Weight: | 1 | 18,000 - 21,000 50 lbs. | |

CROP USE INFORMATION

| Life Cycle: | Annual |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ease of Establishment: | Good |
| Shade Tolerance: | Fair |
| Drought Stress: | Very Good |
| Wet Soil: | Fair |
| Low pH Tolerance: | Moderate |
| Minimum pH: | 6.0 |
| Saline Soils (White Alkali): | Fair |
| Saline – Sodic Soils (Black Alkali): | Fair |
| Hay: | Excellent |
| Silage: | Excellent |
| Continuous Grazing: | Good |
| Rotational Grazing: | Excellent |
| Palatability: | Excellent |
| Anti-Quality: | Prussic Acid and Nitrates |
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DISEASE/INSECT/NEMATODE RATINGS

| Downy Mildew: | MR |
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| Anthracnose: | MR |

GAINER Sorghum-Sudan Management and Production Guide:

Strengths:

Excellent early season vigor and regrowth.

High-yield and forage quality potential.

Thin-stemmed plant type.

Small-seeded type.

Dark-green plant color.

Improved overall disease resistance package.

Very heat and drought stress tolerant.

Sweet, juicy midrib.

Seeding:

Soil temperature should be at least 60 F.

GAINER is usually planted between April 10 and July 15 depending on region.

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

Planting depth should be 1".

Do not plant in soils with pH greater than 7.5 to 8.0. Chlorosis can be severe problem.

Harvest:

GAINER is usually harvested 60 to 66 days after seeding.

Protein will decline as harvest is delayed, but energy will increase upon heading due to continued sugar formation in the sorghum stalks and leaves, and carbohydrate deposition in the developing grains.

Avoiding Nitrate and Prussic Acid

Poisoning from Sorghum:

Avoid large nitrogen applications prior to expected drought periods.

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.

ADAPTATION RATINGS

Photosynthetic Type: Soil Temperature: Water Requirement: Warm Season Warm (60 F) Very Low







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Note:

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