



# SORGHUM SUDANGRASS

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

- Fast-growing summer annual cover crop
- Improves soil health through deep rooting and organic matter
- Drought-tolerant and heat-resistant
- Excellent forage option for livestock

## PLANTING DETAILS

- Seeds/lb: 14,000-20,000
- Planting depth: 1/2-1 1/2"
- Planting dates:
  - N of I-94: June 1-August 1
  - S of I-94: May 15- September 15
- Rate per acre: 25-38 lbs/acre
- Min germination temp: 65 F

## ABOUT SORGHUM SUDANGRASS

- Hybrid of sorghum and sudangrass, widely used as a cover crop
- Known for its rapid growth and ability to thrive in hot conditions
- Adds significant organic matter to soil when incorporated back

## BENEFITS

### Soil Health

Increases soil organic matter, improving soil structure and fertility. Its deep roots break up soil compaction and help improve water infiltration

### Special Note

Prussic acid levels rise after a killing frost, so avoid grazing or cutting for 10-28 days after frost to prevent toxicity in livestock.



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