



SUDAN GRASS
PIPER

Sweet Sudan

Piper Sudan grass is an improved variety of Sudan grass; it has finer stems and leaves than Sorghum Sudan hybrid. A vigorous summer crop that out competes a weed.

An excellent catch crop for excess nitrogen, Sudan grass reduces nematode and symphytan population as it decomposes. It grows quickly and needs to be mowed or grazed regularly to control height (up to 2m). Great for livestock forage but should be grazed only when above knee height. Leave 15 to 20 cm stubble for maximum production.

It produces good regrowth after grazing, has stiff stalks when mature and produces high yields of good quality forage.

Because of the smaller stems, it dries faster than Sorghum Sudan and if cut for hay it still does not dry as quickly as Lucerne because of its juicy stems. Piper Sudan is atrazine tolerant. Do not use for horse hay or pasture. To avoid prussic acid poisoning do not graze after planting until the plants are about knee high. Also do not graze the new growth that may come up with a warm spell after a hard frost.

- Good disease resistance
- Has the palatability characteristic of sweet Sudan grass
- Very low in hydrocyanic acid (prussic acid) content



- Plant late spring to early summer when the soil is warm (above 16°C)
- Average 93,000 seeds per kg. Plant @ 10-15 kg /ha dryland, @ 20-25 kg / ha irrigated
- Very good forage yielding ability, cut hay at 1 m for best TDN and protein levels.
- Silage harvest – cut at full heading, approx 2 mt, dry overnight, chop and ensile.