

# **MUCHO SWEET**

Forage Sorghum - Cane (Male Sterile)
Full-Season, High Quality Forage for Improved Digestibilty and Palatability
High Yield, Adapatability, High Quality, Recoverability After Cutting

Mucho Sweet is a male-sterile hybrid cane. It will not produce any seed unless it is crossed with another sorghum or cane. The lack of seed production helps to keep the nutrients in the plant and make it more palatable. Mucho Sweet actually has more sugar content than sugar cane. This high content of sugar improves consumption and increases gains.

#### **AGRONOMIC TRAITS**

Early Seedling Vigor: Good
Growth Habit: Upright
Recovery After Cutting: Excellent
Maturity: Changes N to S
Uniformity: Good
Plant Color: Purple
Midrib Type: Standard

### **RECOMMENDED SEEDING RATES**

Bushel Weight: 56 lbs. Average Seeds per Pound: 18,000 to 20,000

**Dryland** Irrigated

Rates (lbs.): 10 - 30 12 - 60 Seeds/Sq. Ft 5 - 10 17 - 22

## **QUALITY DATA**

Maturity Stage:	<u>Boot</u>
% ADF	36.0
% NDF	51.7
% IVTD	77.4
% CP	9.9

## **CROP USE INFORMATION**

Life Cycle: Annual Ease of Establishment: Good **Shade Tolerance:** Poor - Fair **Drought Stress:** Excellent Wet Soil: Good Low pH Tolerance: Moderate Minimum pH: 6.0 Saline Soils (White Alkali): Fair Saline - Sodic Soils (Black Alkali): Fair Excellent Hay: Excellent Silage: **Continuous Grazing:** Good **Rotational Grazing:** Excellent Excellent Palatability: Anti-Quality: Prussic Acid and Nitrate

## **ADAPTATION RATINGS**

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

## **Sorghum-Sudan Management and Production Guide:**

### Strengths

High yield potential.

Highly palatable.

Limited Downy Mildew resistance.

Low water requirement.

Short maturity requirement – 60 days.

### Seeding

Soil temperature should be at least 60 F.

Usually planted between March 10 and July 10

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 a severe problem.

## **Harvest**

Usually harvested 40-60 days after seeding.

Protein will decline as harvest is delayed, and sugar content will decline - but at a slower pace.

## 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.

