

Piper

Sudangrass

For Haylage and Forage

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Piper is a versatile C4 (warm season) summer annual forage grass used for hay, pasture green chop. *Piper* is also desirable as a cover crop for green manure application. The fine stems make it a top choice for hay production.

Prolific tillering and strong seedling vigor produces a rapidly established and high yielding forage crop with fast recovery after cutting or grazing. *Piper* has produced 40 ton quality feed per acre/season in the SW USA.

Piper also features abundant root biomass to enhance soil organic matter. Mowing encourages root growth. Heavier seeding rates will support weed suppression.

Piper responds best to substantial moisture, yet it's also considered to be drought tolerant. It's also tolerant of high pH, salinity and partial shade.

Seeding Rate:

Grass/Hay Mix:	50-100 lbs/ac (broadcast) 45-80 lbs/ac (drilled)
Grazing/Gr. Chop:	35-60 lbs/ac (broadcast) 30-50 lbs/ac (drilled)

Note: Prussic Acid is a toxic, poisonous substance that can be present in the stems of growing sudangrass. It can be ingested by grazing livestock. It is **not** a concern in hay produced from sudangrass fields.

Consult with a local nutritionist regarding Prussic Acid issues and your livestock species. First growth should be 25" in height before grazing. Grazed fields should not be stressed for water. Frosted sudangrass pasture should not be grazed if succulent new growth is present. Horses are not recommended for grazing sudangrass.



- Quick establishment
- Drought & heat tolerant
- Very vigorous
- Highly digestible
- High dry matter yields



Growth Habit	Estab. Rate Days	pH Range	Dry Matter Yield	Nitrogen Required	Anerobic Soil Tol.	CP%	NDF	ADF	Endophyte Enhanced
Perennial Bunch	6-21	5.5-7.5	5-7 tons/ac	40-80 lbs/ac	Poor	8-20	50-68	29-42	No

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