



# CAL/WEST HYBRID SUDANGRASS

**Cal/West Seeds Hybrid Sudangrass combines better yield, improved nutrition, multiple cutting capabilities and faster recovery.**

Traditional open-pollinated sudangrass varieties have offered cattle and dairy producers a warm season forage source that competes favorably with sorghum and other summer grasses.

Sudangrass varieties such as Piper which are open-pollinated, or non-hybrid, often provide less yield potential. Sorghum x sudangrass hybrids often provide fewer harvests and generally have thicker stems that can have an impact on hay quality and dry down.

Cal/West hybrids are the result of years of careful plant breeding and research aimed at maximizing the nutritive and yield potentials of sudangrass.

## **A Commitment to Value Through Innovation**

Cal/West operates United States research facilities in California, Wisconsin and at test locations throughout the world in order to breed the most desirable characteristics into every seed product. As the new generation of hybrid sudangrass develops, growers can be assured that Cal/West will be on the forefront of technology and customer satisfaction.

See your local seed distributor for more information regarding hybrids adapted to your growing area.

## **Multiple Harvests**

Cal/West hybrid sudangrass varieties are bred to function under a strong multiple cut schedule with 25 to 32 days between harvests. These hybrid varieties can tolerate an aggressive cutting cycle and demonstrate quicker recovery than non-hybrids or sorghum x sudan hybrids under proper field management. Field studies have shown that sorghum x sudan hybrids generally have slower regrowth resulting in fewer cuttings and/or reduced adaptation to grazing.

## **Nutritional Improvement**

Hybrid sudangrass features improved leafiness and finer stems that contribute to overall improved digestibility for bigger beef gains or more milk per acre. Sudangrass hybrids are low in prussic acid, similar to Piper, and are typically lower than sorghum x sudangrass hybrids. Forage quality analysis shows that hybrid sudangrass hay will "TEST" with the best.

## **Yield**

Hybrid sudangrass exhibits extensive tillering that substantially increases yield potential. Yield tests comparing selected hybrids to non-hybrid Piper consistently demonstrate a substantial gain in green weight yield and digestible dry matter. This advantage is even more notable when multiple cuttings are taken.



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