



# IMPERIAL HYBRID SUDANGRASS

**Lush, high-yielding quality  
summer forage**

Imperial hybrid sudangrass has consistently out-yielded Piper by 25% in numerous trials conducted in the Central Valley and the Imperial Valleys of California for over 15 years. This improved yield is the equivalent of approximately 12.5 more tons of greenchop per acre.

Cal/West Seeds, a recognized leader in forage research and innovation, operates an aggressive breeding program with the goal of creating new value-added hybrid sudangrasses. Cal/West hybrids are the result of years of careful plant breeding and research aimed at maximizing the nutritive and yield potentials of sudangrass.

**Characteristics:**

Highly palatable leafy plants with high leaf-to-stem ratio; very fine stems even at low seeding rates; profuse tillering.

**Field Advantages:**

Exceptional recovery following cutting; consistent high yields in green weight and digestible dry matter; boosts milk and beef gains.

**Production Zones:**

Adapted to arid and semi-arid irrigated production areas; Imperial has outstanding heat and drought tolerance.

**Field Management:**

Plant after danger of frost.  
Seed rate: 15-20 pounds per acre (arid)  
20-25 pounds per acre (humid conditions).

Apply 100-125 pounds of nitrogen per acre preplant and 40-60 pounds per acre after each cutting to maximize yields.

Imperial requires one to two inches of water per week; irrigation is recommended for arid and semi-arid conditions.

Harvest at height of 45-50 inches. Leave a 4"-6" stubble. *Do not graze until growth reaches 18"; do not graze or harvest wilted or frozen forage.*

**Forage Quality:**

**COMPARISON OF IMPERIAL**

	Crude Protein	NDF	ADF	ADL
Imperial	16.25	51.07	43.45	7.87
Piper	16.13	50.63	42.71	7.88



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