



# VERCORS SUDANGRASS

**High yielding, fine stems for reliable summer forage**

The inbred lines for Vercors were chosen for leafiness, fine stems, profuse tillering and exceptional recovery following cutting. The outstanding forage yield potential of Vercors was identified in replicated yield testing along with approximately 300 other hybrids that originated from the same breeding cycle.

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:**

High-yielding, fine-stemmed, very leafy; exceptional regrowth following cutting. Moderately low concentrations of prussic acid - similar to Piper.

**Field Advantages:**

Suitable for hay, greenchop or summer pasture; performs well in very hot climates with outstanding heat and drought tolerance.

In a 15 year trial in the Sacramento Valley, Vercors posted a 14% yield advantage over Piper (11.61 Tons/acre DM vs. 10.54 Tons).

**Production Zones:**

Adaptable to all areas where sudangrass can be grown. Vercors is best adapted to humid, temperate climates.

**Field Management:**

Plant after danger of frost - Vercors has moderate cold tolerance allowing for early sowing.

Seed rate: 15-20 pounds per acre (arid)  
20-25 pounds per acre (humid conditions)  
25-30 pounds per acre for finer stems.

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

Vercors requires one to two inches of water per week; irrigation is recommended for arid and semi-arid conditions. Sandy soils require more water than loam or clay soils.

Harvest at height of 45-50 inches. Leave a 3"-6" stubble. *Do not graze until growth reaches 30"; do not graze or harvest wilted or frozen forage.*

**Forage Quality:**

**COMPARISON OF PIPER TO VERCORS**

	Crude Protein	NDF	ADF	TDN
Piper	16.1	53.0	42.6	53.2
Vercors	16.5	50.5	42.0	55.7



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