

SSS Super Sweet Sudan



**A unique Australian product,
bred for Australian conditions.**

Next generation hybrid:

New **Pioneer® Hybrid Super Sweet Sudan (SSS)** is quick to graze and sustains multiple and intensive grazings. SSS produces high quality hay and round bale silage suitable for sheep and cattle. Adaptable for early or late planting.

Primary use:

- › **Cattle and sheep plus intensive or non intensive grazing**
- › **Produces highly palatable hay plus round bale silage.**

Key features

- › Grow more with less - **High quality**, smaller seed means you plant more hectares with less kilograms
- › Wide area adaptation
- › Very fast growth and regrowth
- › Prolific tillering habit
- › Superfine stems
- › Super sweet and leafy
- › Super high-quality hay
- › Highly palatable at all stages of maturity plus growth
- › Suited for dryland situations and intensive irrigation.

Studies have shown Sudans pose a lower risk of prussic acid toxicity than sorghum type forages.

What growers are saying...



Brad Rae
Swan Hill, NSW

“We were struggling for feed so we put the sheep on at four weeks. It would have been close to a foot tall. The sheep went for it first, they grubbed it out and then went to the millet.

“The second time we let them graze it, I came back up the next day and there was just a corridor of sheep, only on the SSS,” Mr Rae said. “I would say it is because it is so sweet and they went for it first, and took it to the ground.

“We would have to send away 1500 to 2000 sheep on agistment if we didn't have this.”



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PLANT TYPE AND PLANTING INFORMATION

	Genetic type hybrid	Time to flower Approx	Soil temp required for sowing	Seed count (seeds/kgs)
sss	Sweet Sudan x Sudan	66	15+	Greater than 60,000 seeds/kg

PLANTING RATES

Marginal dryland	Good dryland	Irrigation and coastal	FEED QUALITY	
			Initial grazing height	Regrowth grazing
1-3 kg/ha	3-8 kg/ha	*8-20 kg/ha	70- 120 cm	50-120 cm

*Narrow row spacings/Broadacre planting recommended

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Steve Coles
Dalby, QLD



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Pioneer® hybrid Super Sweet Sudan produced excellent hay, under adverse conditions, for Steve Coles at Kaimkillenbun near Dalby last season.

Steve said he normally grew forage sorghum for hay or silage and planted just over 10 hectares of the new SSS two days prior to New Year.

Conditions early in the life of the crop were tough, although the rainfall towards the end of January ensured it grew well and thrived. "Once it started raining it didn't stop," Steve said.

He said the Super Sweet Sudan reached a height of six to seven feet before the weather conditions allowed them to get in and cut. "Normally we would cut it at four to five feet in height."

At baling, the area produced 123 large square bales at 560 kilograms per bale and a further 30 large round bales at

380 kilograms per bale. This equated to approximately 78.6 tonnes of dry matter forage from an area which was just over 10 hectares in size.

Steve said the yield was very good and the Super Sweet Sudan produced very good quality hay in spite of having to wait longer than normal to be harvested. "I was quite happy with it," he said. It definitely had fine stems and enough leaf on it despite being a bit overgrown."

The hay bales were sold to a range of end users and were fed to weaner cattle and bulls. "People who bought the hay seemed very happy," Steve said. "I will definitely try it again for haymaking next year. I think it would also be a good grazing option as well".

The forage sudan was sown at a rate of 8 kilograms per hectare with a Gyril air-seeder into nine inch row spacings.



Peter Gemmill
Kumbia, QLD

Pioneer® hybrid Super Sweet Sudan forage demonstrated good potential on the property of Peter Gemmill, located between Kingaroy and Kumbia, in the South Burnett region of Queensland.

Mr Gemmill received some trial seed of the new sorghum and spread the 18 kilograms of seed over a 4 hectare area. The planting rate was lighter than normal because of the limited amount of seed however the end result was very pleasing.

After being sown in November, the Super Sweet Sudan produced two commercially viable cuts of hay and showed its potential as a fine-stemmed hay option.

"I think Pioneer might have a bit of a winner here," Mr Gemmill said.

The palatability of the feed was quite noticeable with hay provided to the cattle on farm quickly eaten and not simply trodden into the ground as could normally be expected.

"I chewed a stalk and it was very sweet."

Forage sorghum normally grown on the property has been a sudan sudan cross.

"It's the first time I've played with a sweet option," Mr Gemmill said.

Mr Gemmill said the second cut could have been harvested three weeks prior to when it was, so there was definitely the option for three cuts across the season with an earlier plant and irrigation water.

Manure was added to the paddock prior to sowing and the wet conditions meant there was little opportunity to add nutrition to the area after the first cut was taken. Soil types on the paddock chosen for the Super Sweet Sudan trial ranged from heavy black to red with the new forage sorghum performing well in all conditions.

Mr Gemmill said the hay was harvested as large round bales with some of the produce sent as far away as Blackall in central Queensland to feed droughted cattle.

"It ticked all the boxes," he said.

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