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# Why our Red Top Cane Early Sumac Forage Sorghum?

Red Top Cane (Early Sumac) is a highly beneficial forage sorghum option for customers. With its sweet and juicy characteristics, it is specifically designed to meet hay or grazing needs. The sorghum has a long maturity period of around 100 days and can reach an impressive height of 70-90 inches. It is an open-pollinated variety, allowing it to produce seeds that cater to customers' hay or grazing requirements. Livestock find the forage highly palatable, ensuring optimal consumption and nutrition.

## **Annual Summer Management**

**Planting Date:** Late April through mid August. Soil temperature should be 60-65 or warmer. Planting too early could cause slow early growth and reduction in population.

Planting Depth: 3/4" to 1 1/2" deep dependent

upon the soil moisture.

Row Width: Preferably drilled in narrow rows.

Planting Method: Drill preferred.

**Fertility:** Nitrogen: 75 to 100 lbs./acre PPI & 50 to 75 lbs./acre after first cutting. Phosphorus: 20-60 lbs./acre, more if the soil testing indicates less than 30 lbs./acre. Potassium: 40-80 lbs./acre. A soil test should be performed for better accuracy. The above fertilization rates serve as a guide only.

## Suggested Harvest Management

Do not cut or graze until the forage reaches 18" in height. Cut at 36"-48" or 60 -75 days for the best possible quality and highest possible yields. Cut 6"-8" or above the second internode with a crimper to speed the drying and regrowth process. Harvest forage at about 70 -75% moisture. Chop at 1/4" -1/8" to get optimal packing.

#### Yield

1 to 2 cuttings dependent upon planting date, availability of water, and growing season. 5-8 tons/acre dry matter (20 to 40 tons green weight).



## **Agronomic Attributes**

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Potential Forage Yield	4
Early Growth Rate	3
Regrowth	4
Average Plant Height	6'-8'
Standability	4
Drought Tolerance	4
Leafiness	4
Avg. Seeds/ Lb.	16,000
Fast Dry Down	7
Ligning Content	2

## **Primary Uses**

Hay	2
Hay Plow Down	2
Silage	7
Grazing/Pasture	4
Greenchop	4

## **Suggested Harvest Height**

Crude Protein	10.75
Acid Detergent Fiber	31.23
Total Digestible Nutrients	65.63
NE (Lacation) Mcal/lb	0.4
NE (Gain) Mcal/lb	0.68

# Planting Rate (LBS/Acre)

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	Optimal Planting Method	
	Wide Rows	Narrow Rows
Moisture	30" to 40"	Drilled or Broadcast
Level		
Adequate	15 to 30 LBS/AC	50 to 80 LBS/AC
Limited	12 to 20 LBS/AC	30 to 60 LBS/AC
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