

PAC SPRINT

Sorghum x Sudan forage hybrid
Early-flowering



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“ We direct drilled Sprint at 30 kg/ha into a failed turnip crop in late December. The early growth and establishment was excellent and with the odd shower of rain passing through to help, Sprint really showed us what it could do. We took the first cut off when it reached fence height, which produced 22 round bales/ha of high quality baleage. After an application of Urea, the second cut was taken 25 days later producing the same amount. The crop was finished off with a grazing before re-grassing the area in early April. Given the challenging environment and late start Sprint showed its qualities as a late season DM machine, and we will be recommending it to our clients again!”

PACIFIC SEEDS

Sprint offers growers a versatile and extremely rapid growing summer feed option. Performs in the tough, excels in the tougher.

About Sprint

Produces high yields of quality forage that can be available for grazing or cutting under ideal conditions in less than 50 days. Combined with thin stems, Sprint is extremely palatable.

Suitable for all stocks types, hay and baleage.

Ideally suited to a shorter growing season, or in situations where it can be well managed, i.e. cutting or intensive grazing.

Yield of the second cut/graze will be enhanced through the tillering mechanism and can be available in approximately 30 days after the first cut/graze.

Key attributes

- Quick to medium flowering
- Rapid growth and regrowth
- Fine stems with prolific tillering
- Suitable for hay and baleage
- Sheep, cattle and dairy
- Tolerant of heavy grazing
- Watch prussic acid levels if stressed
- Suitable for direct drilling
- Greater flexibility than summer brassicas

Crop use

- ✓ Dairy
- ✓ Beef
- ✓ Sheep
- ✓ Hay
- ✓ Baleage
- ✗ Silage

Best management practice

Soil	Temperature at planting 16°C minimum
Fertility	Conduct Soil Test. Do not exceed 110 kg/ha. Nitrogen fertility to avoid nitrate accumulation. Ensure Potassium is adequate in acidic soils.
Cutting/ grazing height	Do not graze/cut below 15cm on first application. First grazing at 60cm to 80cm to increase biomass productivity.
Planting Depth	Shallow into moisture. Best return from quick conventional forage

Optimum growing regions

Northland, Waikato, BOP, East Coast, Hawke's Bay, Taranaki, Manawatu/Wanganui, Wairarapa

Agronomics

General		Max 9	
Early vigour	9	Palatability	9
Regrowth	9	Digestibility	8
Yield potential	8	Drought tolerance	8
Feed quality	8	Ease of management	6
		Adaptability	7

Sowing Rates

Low Dryland	Mid Irrigated	High Marginal dryland
5-10 kg/ha	15-20 kg/ha	3-5 kg/ha