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Sile King

FORAGE SORGHUM

KEY FEATURES

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| ✓ Grain bearing forage sorghum | ✓ Pit silage specialist |
| ✓ Tall leafy feed with potential for high dry matter yields | ✓ Good recovery after cutting and grazing |
| ✓ Produces high energy (ME) silage | ✓ Displays good tolerance in dry conditions |
| ✓ Displays good leaf disease resistance | ✓ Excellent palatability |
| ✓ Sweet leafy feed to support high daily live weights in beef cattle | ✓ Wide cutting window |

VARIETY DESCRIPTION

Sile King is a medium to late maturing grain silage hybrid suited for high quality, high yielding pit/bunker silage in dairy and beef production systems.

PERFORMANCE

Sile King has been selected for its high grain to stover ratio, providing intensive livestock producers an alternative to maize. It has high first cut yield potential, plus grain content. It is very palatable, and has excellent nutritional value, good protein levels and metabolisable energy, giving excellent overall digestibility.

Under good management this hybrid is an excellent supplementary feed source for dairy and beef herds. Sile King has the ability to grow well in hotter environments, and is an excellent option for irrigated and high yield environment planting.

AGRONOMY, DISEASE RESISTANCE AND TOLERANCE

Sile King has displayed good disease resistance. As with all forage sorghum, feed testing is recommended prior to feeding livestock to measure prussic acid and nitrate levels especially in early growth grazing or in stressed conditions. For more information on feed management of forage sorghum, such as the use of supplement blocks, refer to your local agronomist or state government primary producer websites.

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VARIETY MANAGEMENT

Time to harvest:	110 - 120 days
Yield potential:	12 - 18t DM/ha
Energy content:	9 - 12 MJ/kgDM
Planting situation:	Irrigation or high rainfall zones
Planting rate:	Fully irrigated 10 - 12kg/ha Good dryland 8kg/ha
Sowing depth:	3-5 cm
Harvest:	Direct fine chop cut, do not wilt. Cut when crop is at grain milky dough stage. Harvest moisture 68% wet or 30-35% dry matter. Ensure good silage preparation, compaction and fermentation. Use a quality silage inoculant containing <i>Lactobacillus Buchneri</i> to preserve quality.

SEED AVAILABILITY

Available through all national rural resellers.

Your local agronomist will be happy to assist you with more information and advice.

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