

Summer Annual Forages

Summer annuals offer an alternative feed source for pastured animals.

- Summer option prior to seeding permanent pastures.
- Overseeding as pastures slow their growth in heat of summer.

Table 1. Summer annuals planted June 14, harvested July 24 (Deerfield)

Forage Species	Dry Yield (ton/acre)	Fresh Yield (t/a, 70% moist.)	Moisture (%)
Corn (low density)	4.4 a	14.6 a	80.7
Corn (high density)	4.2 a	14.1 a	86.1
BMR Corn (low density)	4.2 a	14.1 a	82.7
BMR Corn (high density)	4.3 a	14.3 a	84.2
BMR Sudan/Sorghum	2.9 b	9.6 b	84.5
Japanese Millet	1.5 b	4.9 b	89.5
Oat	2.6 b	8.7 b	87.5

Table 2. Summer annuals planted June 21, harvested August 13 (Warren)

Forage Species	Dry Yield (ton/acre)	Fresh Yield (t/a, 70% moist.)	Moisture (%)
Corn (low density)	2.0 ab	7.0 ab	80.0
Corn (high density)	2.7 a	9.0 a	77.9
BMR Corn (low density)	2.0 ab	6.6 ab	79.5
BMR Corn (high density)	2.8 a	9.2 a	77.7
BMR Sudan/Sorghum	2.1 b	7.0 b	76.4
Japanese Millet	0.9 b	2.9 b	77.4
Oat	1.8 ab	6.1 b	79.5
Control (Weeds)	0.5 c	1.5 c	80.9



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