

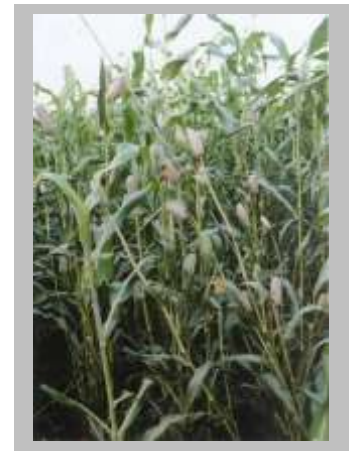
JAPANESE MILLET

Emergency forage

Japanese millet offers another option for good quality emergency forage. They are ready for harvest two months after planting. Millets are slightly more digestible and slightly higher in protein than sorghum-sudan grass, and may be preferred over sorghum-sudan as they do not contain prussic acid. However, like sorghum-sudan, millets can be easily damaged by grazing and therefore should be strip grazed.

Japanese millet is drought tolerant and does better on lighter soils, such as sand or sandy loam. It is very frost sensitive and should be planted late May or early June. This will ensure two cuts. Planting can be delayed until the first of July if only one cut is desired.

For high feed quality, first cut is typically 55-60 days after planting, when it is still vegetative. Second cut should be ready 30-35 days later. For faster regrowth, leave a minimum of four inches when cutting, and 6-8 inches after grazing.



Suggested Seeding Rate: 9-20kg/Ha (8-18lbs/ac)