

BMR Sorghums and Grazing Summer Annuals to Jumpstart Your Forage Rotations

Forage crops – watch maturity – they can get old fast.

Oats

- Spring – usually 7 weeks
- Fall – can be over 8 weeks as days get longer.

Sudan grass - plant after frost.

Sorghum/ Sudans - characteristics vary greatly by variety

- Check with seed dealer
- May need to plant in 3-4 acre increments (50 cows)
- 7-8 weeks first pasturing – regrowth every 4-6 weeks

Clover, annual ryegrass – anytime

- Clover – better yield year two
- Ryegrasses (annual) can head out and re-seed itself
- Late summer early fall plantings can winter over for early spring pasture.

Small grains (spring grains or winter grains), peas, radish, turnip better crop if planted by mid-August for extended grazing season.

Can use up old seed or bin run corn or soy with sudan grasses.

Other alternative: millet, bluestem grasses, buckwheat.