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# Mega Sweet



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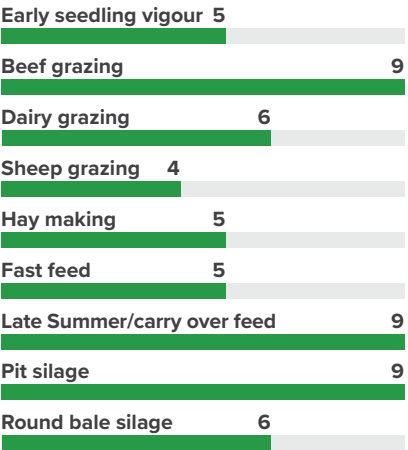
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## The flexible forage sorghum

Mega Sweet is attractive to stock at any stage of growth and increases its feed value and sweetness as it matures. Mega Sweet can be planted early in the season, mid season or late season for late Summer and carry-over feed. Mega Sweet can be used for grazing or quality silage production but should be your first choice for grazing cattle. It is especially suited to beef enterprises and can give exceptional weight gains.

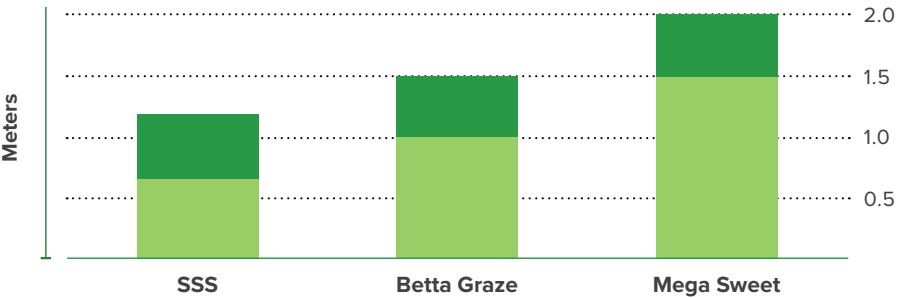
### Key Features

- Sweet sorghum x grain sorghum hybrid
- Grain-bearing
- High sugar content
- Feed value increases with maturity
- Highly flexible: Can be planted early, mid-season or late season



RATING: 1 = poor 9 = excellent

## At what height should I graze my summer forage?



Feed Zone 

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## QLD planting information

	SSS	BETTA GRAZE	MEGA SWEET	GRAZE-N-SILE
<b>Comments</b>	Super sweet and fine stems, multiple grazings	Early seedling vigour	Grain-bearing: feed value increases with maturity	For pit silage
<b>Planting rate</b>	<b>Marginal dryland:</b> 2-5 kg/ha <b>Good dryland:</b> 6-12 kg/ha <b>Irrigated/coastal:</b> 12-16 kg/ha	<b>Marginal dryland:</b> 2-5 kg/ha <b>Good dryland:</b> 5-10 kg/ha <b>Irrigated/coastal:</b> 10-30 kg/ha	<b>Marginal dryland:</b> 2-4 kg/ha <b>Good dryland:</b> 5-6 kg/ha <b>Irrigated/coastal:</b> 8-12 kg/ha	<b>Marginal dryland:</b> 40-60,000 seeds/ha <b>Good dryland:</b> 75-100,000 seeds/ha <b>Irrigated/coastal:</b> 100-150,000 seeds/ha
<b>Row spacings</b>	<b>Marginal dryland:</b> Up to 150 cm <b>Good dryland:</b> 10 cm to 50 cm <b>Irrigated/coastal:</b> 10 cm to 50 cm	<b>Marginal dryland:</b> Up to 150 cm <b>Good dryland:</b> 10 cm to 50 cm <b>Irrigated/coastal:</b> 10 cm to 50 cm	<b>Marginal dryland:</b> Up to 150 cm <b>Good dryland:</b> 10 cm to 100 cm <b>Irrigated/coastal:</b> 10 cm to 50 cm	<b>Marginal dryland:</b> Up to 150 cm <b>Good dryland:</b> 10 cm to 100 cm <b>Irrigated/coastal:</b> 10 cm to 50 cm
<b>Hybrid management</b>	SSS is a sudan hybrid, which means it has a lower potential for prussic acid production. Prussic acid can be heavily influenced by grower management.	Strict management is required to realise full genetic potential and quality. Graze early and often.	Most flexible. Maintains maximum quality and is attractive to stock at any growth stage either early, mid or late season, as well as going into Winter.	Precise management required for silage production in areas where corn is not an option. Similar management to growing grain sorghum.
<b>Grazing tips</b>	Highly palatable at all stages of maturity and growth. Suitable for dairy, sheep and cattle.	High sugars, fine stems and higher digestibility allows for greater intake and better crop area utilisation - commitment to graze early and often (at 1-1.5m in plant height).	Good quality at any stage of growth, with feed value increasing with maturity. Ideal for grazing at any growth stage, especially late. Mega Sweet will set grain.	If direct grazing ensure plants are 1m and 1.5m in height. If direct grazing there is an increased risk of acidosis once the grain fill period reaches 50% dough. Silage is the best option once this maturity is reached.

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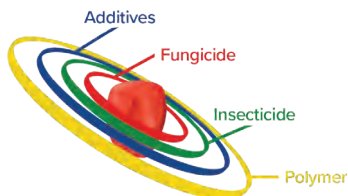
# What you seed is what you get

**Seed Applied Technologies (SAT) protect growers' investment in seed**

As requirements for fungicides, insecticides and additives change over time, Pioneer Seeds selects the best available chemical technologies for our hybrids each year, and supports Australian growers to access these chemical technologies through safely and professionally applying them to our commercial hybrid seeds and marketing them under the Betta Strike® and Betta Strike® Plus brands.

Pioneer Seeds is not singularly focused on developing or supporting any individual fungicide or insecticide. We concentrate on the genetic capabilities of our seed products and collaborate with specialist crop science companies to develop combinations of insecticide, fungicide, additives and polymers that we believe will best provide efficacy, seed safety, and maximum combined product potential.

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