Red Top Cane
Early Sumac
Forage Sorghum

**Agronomic Attributes**
- Potential Forage Yield: 4
- Early Growth Rate: 3
- Regrowth: 4
- Average Plant Height: 6’-8’
- Standability: 4
- Drought Tolerance: 4
- Leafiness: 4
- Avg. Seeds/Lb: 16,000
- Fast Dry Down: 7
- Sweetness: 2

**Primary Uses**
- Hay: 2
- Hay Plow Down: 2
- Silage: 7
- Grazing/Pasture: 4
- Greenchop: 4

**Feed Analysis**
- Crude Protein: 10.75
- Acid Detergent Fiber: 31.23
- Total Digestible Nutrients: 65.62
- NE (lactation) Meal/lb: 0.4
- NE (gain) Meal/lb: 0.68

**Yield**
- 1 to 2 cuttings dependent upon planting date, availability of water, and growing season. 5-8 tons/acre dry matter (20 to 40 tons green weight).

**Positioning/Management**
Red Top Cane (Early Sumac) is a sweet, juicy forage sorghum that has a long maturity of about 100 days and can reach a height of 70-90 inches. Red Top Cane is an open pollinated sweet forage sorghum that will produce a seed, which can meet your hay or grazing needs.

**Annual Summer Management**
- **Planting Date:** Late April through mid August. Soil temperature should be 60-65 or warmer. Planting too early could cause slow early growth and reduction in population.
- **Planting Depth:** 3/4” to 1 1/2” deep dependent upon the soil moisture.
- **Row Width:** Preferably drilled in narrow rows.
- **Planting Method:** Drill preferred.
- **Fertility:** Nitrogen: 75 to 100 lbs./acre PPI & 50 to 75 lbs./acre after first cutting. Phosphorus: 20-60 lbs./acre, more if the soil testing indicates less than 30 lbs./acre. Potassium: 40-80 lbs./acre. A soil test should be performed for better accuracy. The above fertilization rates serve as a guide only.

**Suggested Harvest Management**
Do not cut until the forage reaches 18” in height. Cut at 36”- 48” or 60 ’-75 days for the best possible quality and highest possible yields. Cut 6”- 8” or above the second internode with a crimper to speed the drying and regrowth process. Harvest forage at about 70 -75% moisture. Chop at 1/4” -1/8” to get optimal packing.

**Footnotes:**
1– Numerical Rating: 1 to 9
1= Excellent
5= Average
9= Poor

Ratings and descriptions are based on the research and field observations that were compared with products from multiple locations and years. Read all labels and bag tags due to the reason that they contain conditions of sale, including limitations of warranty and remedy.