Forage Sorghum

Can it Provide a Profitable Forage System?
(When followed by a winter grain for an early spring forage harvest.)

How has it faiired in a normal NY growing season?

Alternative crops that yield well at a reasonable cost of production are needed for expanding cropping options on less than optimal ground. This SARE supported study is chronicling 4 farm’s experience with sorghum, a warm season crop. It will be followed by a winter grain to maximize production. Sorghum appears to be a reasonable substitute for corn silage offering similar yields and nutrition at a lower cost. Sorghum has not been widely grown in the NE and we will share what we have learned about its management for successful production. We will evaluate whether this cropping combination is cost effective with consistent performance, adequate yield and feed quality.

This project has allowed us to gain experience with a crop that has not traditionally been grown in the Northeast - sorghum. Sorghum appears to be a reasonable substitute for corn silage offering similar yields, at a lower cost and an equally efficient harvest as a single chop system that can substitute for corn silage with nearly the same nutrition.

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SEPT 18, 2013       5 PM TO 7:30 PM
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SEPT 19, 2013       5 PM TO 7:30 PM
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***Pre-registration is requested to help with meal planning. ***There is no charge for these meetings.
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Viable Crop? - Come and See the Crop!

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