

# S&W Seed Company Australia forage sorghum makes the cut on the Darling Downs during tough season

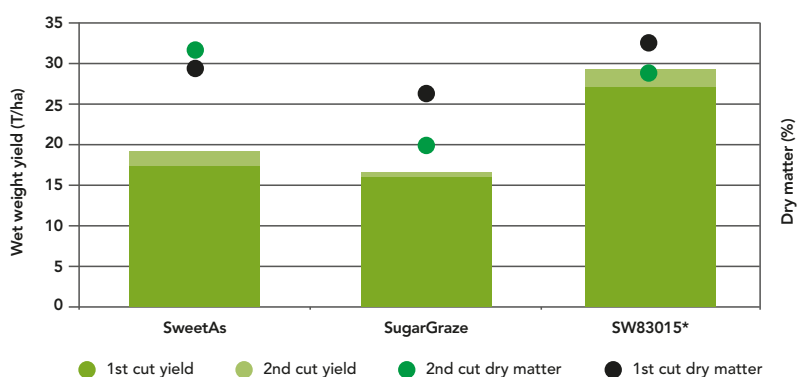
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During the very dry 2018/2019 spring and summer season our hybrid crop research team conducted two forage yield assessment trials in the Darling Downs, Queensland. This was a tough season and the trials were planted dry on November 21, and subsequently received supplementary irrigation, with yields from this trial lower than have been seen in the field for all entries in the trial. The performance of S&W Seed Company Australia Sweet As Sweet Sorghum Hybrid (figure 1), relative to the commercial check is favourable, showing good production of high dry matter fodder. SW83015 is an S&W experimental hybrid, and is an example of the high-performance forage sorghum hybrids being developed by our sorghum breeding team. These new forage hybrids are rigorously tested in varying environments and across many years to evaluate performance against commercial and competitor varieties before being released commercially.

The second trial evaluated the performance of a number of sudan type forage sorghum hybrids including; Nudan and SSS compared to S&W's Chomper Forage Sorghum (figure 2). Chomper has performed well showing strong regrowth after cutting, a feature of this variety, as demonstrated by the second cut yield. Strong regrowth and tillering after cutting and grazing are a feature noted by farmers who have grown Chomper commercially. Available commercially for only two years, S&W Chomper has quickly become the preferred hybrid for many growers and agronomists across a wide range of environments.

2018 Sweet type forage sorghum yield trial - Darling Downs, Qld.

Figure 1



2018 Sudan type forage sorghum yield trial - Darling Downs, Qld.

Figure 2

