



University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences
Results from the 2021 Spring Forage Sorghum hybrid test
Marcelo Wallau and Diwakar Vyas

| Company | Hybrid | Total Production <i>lb DM/A</i> | Estimated silage | Milk production | Milk | Disease score‡ | Lodging score‡ | DM% at harvest | NE _l <i>Mcal/lb DM</i> |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| | | | production (35% DM) <i>Ton silage /A</i> | per ton <i>lb milk/ton silage</i> | production per acre <i>lb milk/A</i> | | | | |
| Alta Seeds | ADV F7424 | 12823 <i>n.s.</i> | 18.3 <i>n.s.</i> | 2035 <i>n.s.</i> | 12602 | 1.1 | 0.25 | 28% | 0.52 <i>n.s.</i> |
| Alta Seeds | ADV F8322 | 14082 | 20.1 | 2103 | 15075 * | 0.9 | 0 | 32% | 0.53 |
| Alta Seeds | AF7401 | 10990 | 15.7 | 2041 | 11064 | 1.6 | 0 | 29% | 0.52 |
| DynaGro | 5 STAR | 13339 | 19.1 | 1793 | 11794 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 29% | 0.48 |
| DynaGro | F72FS05 | 13537 | 19.3 | 1963 | 13243 | 0.8 | 0.375 | 32% * | 0.51 |
| DynaGro | F74FS23 BMR | 5647 | 8.1 | 2142 | 6040 | 1.8 * | 2.5 * | 24% | 0.53 |
| DynaGro | F74FS72 BMR | 7043 | 10.1 | 2094 | 7311 | 1.9 * | 2.5 * | 28% | 0.52 |
| DynaGro | FX21815 | 10871 | 15.5 | 1951 | 10402 | 1.1 | 0 | 37% * | 0.51 |
| DynaGro | FX21842 | 13057 | 18.7 | 1905 | 12517 | 1.1 | 0 | 26% | 0.50 |
| DynaGro | Super Sile 30 | 13295 | 19.0 | 1943 | 12707 | 1.2 | 1 | 30% | 0.50 |
| DynaGro | SWEET TON | 10237 | 14.6 | 2207 | 11583 | 1.3 | 1.75 * | 24% | 0.54 |
| Croplan | IQ3501 | 13681 | 19.5 | 2102 | 14439 | 1.0 | 0 | 27% | 0.53 |
| MOJO Seed Enterprises | OPAL | 9305 | 13.3 | 2078 | 9924 | 1.1 | 0 | 32% | 0.52 |
| MOJO Seed Enterprises | PEARL | 9266 | 13.2 | 2018 | 9218 | 1.3 | 1.375 | 35% * | 0.51 |
| Mean | Mean | 11227 | 16.0 | 2027 | 11280 | 1.2 | 0.73 | 29% | 0.52 |
| SE | SE | 1872 | 2.7 | 113 | 2008 | 0.3 | 0.40 | 0% | 0.02 |

* Indicates hybrids that performed similarly to the best hybrid, according to F-test at $p < 0.05$; n.s. means no statistical difference between hybrids. All mean reported are least square means.

§Hybrids marked with "***" are on the top right quadrant of the production chart, with superior biomass production and superior milk production per ton of silage compared to averages.

‡ Disease and lodging scores, low values mean less disease incidence or lodging. * Indicates hybrids with the most incidence of disease or lodging.

Parameters:

Disease score: 0 = no disease 3 = heavy disease (>75% incidence); Lodging score: 0 = no lodging 3 = mostly lodged (>75% fallen)

'Milk per ton of silage' and 'Milk per acre of silage yield' were calculated using the Milk2006 formulas from the University of Wisconsin

DM, dry matter (%); NEL, net energy for lactation (Mcal/lb DM)

| Hybrid | TDN | CP | IVTDMD30 | Starch | WSC | aNDF | dNDF30 | NDFD30 | Top performing (chart) [§] |
|---------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| | ----- % DM ----- | | | | | | | % NDF | |
| ADV F7424 | 53.7 <i>n.s</i> | 6.5 <i>n.s</i> | 69.6 | 12.2 <i>n.s</i> | 10.9 | 63.0 <i>n.s</i> | 31.2 <i>n.s</i> | 49.5 | ** |
| ADV F8322 | 54.4 | 5.8 | 70.2 | 12.9 | 11.7 | 63.0 | 31.0 | 49.4 | ** |
| AF7401 | 53.5 | 6.4 | 69.4 | 11.7 | 11.2 | 63.2 | 30.6 | 48.3 | ** |
| 5 STAR | 49.7 | 4.7 | 71.4 | 13.2 | 13.7 * | 64.8 | 29.3 | 45.2 | |
| F72FS05 | 52.2 | 5.7 | 69.3 | 12.2 | 12.0 | 63.6 | 29.9 | 47.0 | |
| F74FS23 BMR | 55.3 | 6.5 | 73.6 * | 12.6 | 13.0 | 60.2 | 30.4 | 50.6 * | |
| F74FS72 BMR | 54.6 | 7.4 | 71.2 | 13.8 | 11.2 | 61.5 | 30.8 | 50.1 | |
| FX21815 | 52.2 | 7.2 | 69.3 | 13.4 | 10.9 | 61.8 | 29.1 | 47.1 | |
| FX21842 | 51.5 | 7.0 | 70.4 | 12.0 | 11.8 | 63.0 | 29.5 | 46.8 | |
| Super Sile 30 | 52.1 | 6.5 | 70.4 | 12.3 | 12.1 | 63.2 | 30.0 | 47.6 | |
| SWEET TON | 56.3 | 7.3 | 73.4 * | 13.8 | 12.8 | 58.7 | 30.0 | 51.3 * | |
| IQ3501 | 54.4 | 6.0 | 70.8 | 10.9 | 12.6 | 62.9 | 30.8 | 48.9 * | ** |
| OPAL | 53.8 | 5.9 | 69.1 | 10.3 | 11.7 | 65.0 | 31.4 | 48.3 | |
| PEARL | 53.2 | 5.0 | 69.7 | 12.2 | 12.1 | 64.8 | 31.5 | 48.7 | |
| Mean | 53.4 | 6.3 | 70.6 | 12.4 | 12.0 | 62.8 | 30.4 | 48.5 | |
| SE | 1.9 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 2.1 | |

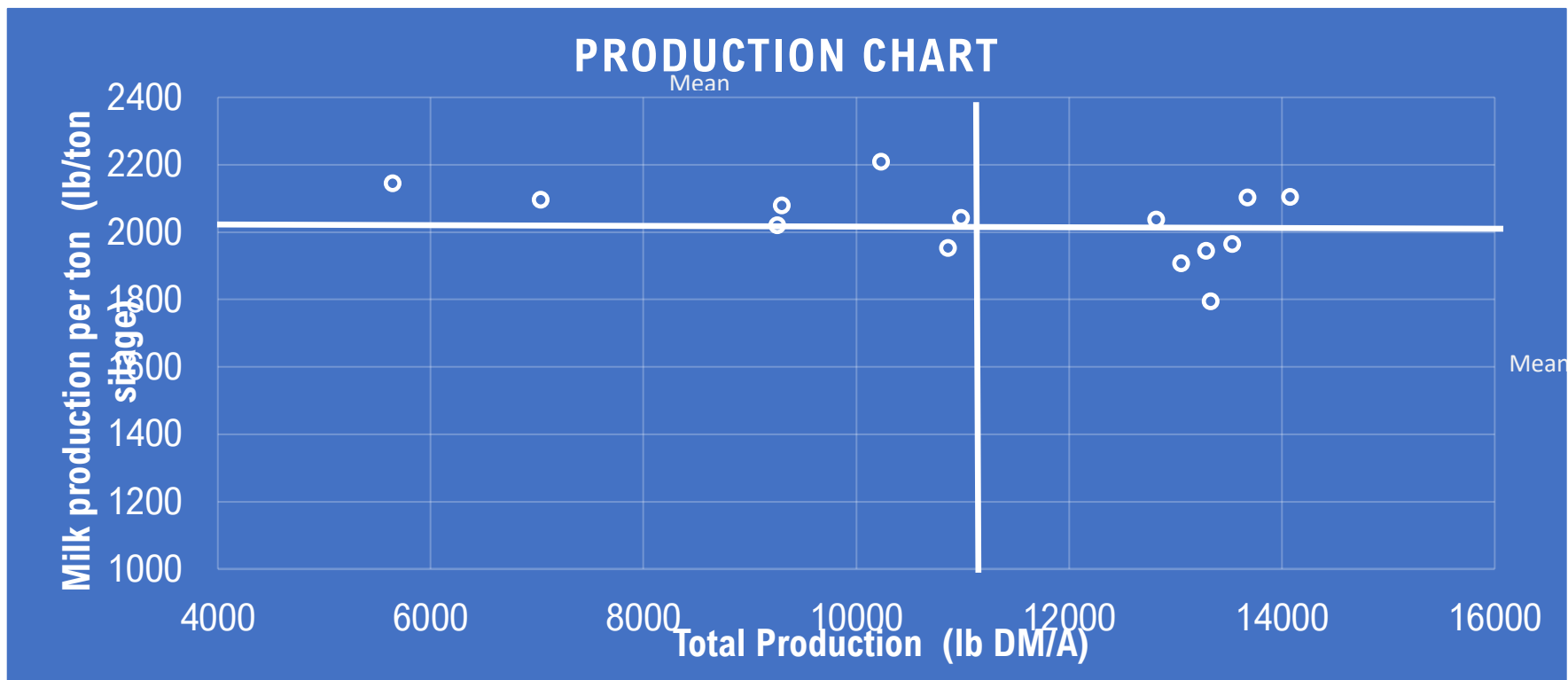
* Indicates hybrids that performed similarly to the best hybrid, according to F-test at p<0.05; n.s. means no statistical difference between hybrids. All mean reported are least square means.

§Hybrids marked with "***" are on the top right quadrant of the production chart, with superior biomass production and superior milk production per ton of silage compared to averages.

‡ Disease and lodging scores, low values mean less disease incidence or lodging. * Indicates hybrids with the most incidence of disease or lodging.

Parameters:

TTDN, total digestible nutrients (% DM); CP, crude protein (% DM), IVTDMD30, in vitro true dry matter digestibility at 30h in rumen (% DM); starch (% DM); WSC, water soluble carbohydrates (% DM); ADF, acid detergent fiber (% DM); dNDF30, digestible NDF at 30 h in rumen; NDFD30, NDF digestibility (as % of NDF) at 30 h in rumen



Disclosure

This hybrid test is conducted independently by UF/IFAS faculty and is open for all seed companies to enter hybrids for the test.

Management information

Trial was conducted at the Plant Science Research and Education Unit, in Citra, FL

Planting date April 7, 2021

Planting rate was 70,000 seeds/Acre, 30-inch rows; all seeds received already treated with seed safener

Fertilizer Application LBS/Acre -N 198; P 56; K 120; Mg 27; S 28; Mn 10; Zn 4; divided in pre-incorporated, starter and 4 other applications; Last applications over irrigation

Pesticide application - Bifenthrin planting, with Prowl and Dual at planting and Athrazine at around 12"; Tebustar, Headline Amp at tasseling; Insecticide as needed, total 6 applications (Coragen, Besiege, Warrior and Belt)

Trial was irrigated as needed

Harvest occurred on Aug 6, 2021

Contact

For more information, contact forages@ifas.ufl.edu