# Forage - Grasses

#### Guinea Grass – Panicum maximum

- Season & varieties
  - o Thru' year CO 1
- Field preparation
  - o Well drained soil with ridges & furrows, not at heavy clay
  - o FYM 25t
- Seed rate
  - o 2.5 kg/ha, Slips 66,000 nos.
- Spacing
  - o 50 x 30 cm
- Fertilizer
  - o 50-50-40 NPK
  - o 25 kg N at every cut
- Harvest
  - o First cut at 75 DAS or 45 DAP, then at 45days
  - o Green fodder 175 t from 8 cuts
  - o May be intercropped with Hedge Lucerne for nutritious fodder

# Blou Buffel Grass / Anjan grass - Cenchrus glaucus

- Season & varieties
  - o NE Monsoon CO 1 (Neela Kolukkattai)
- Field preparation
  - Well drained soil high ca content with ridges & furrows
  - o FYM 25 t
- Seed rate
  - $\circ$  6-8 kg/ha
- Spacing
  - o 50 x 30 cm, sow at shallow depth, break seed dormancy
- Fertilizer
  - o 25-40-20 NPK
  - o 25 kg N at every cut
- Harvest
  - o First cut at 75 DAS, then 4-6 cuts depending upon growth
  - o Green fodder 40 t from 4 cuts

### Bajra Nappier Hybrid

- Season & varieties
- Thru' year BN 2, NB 21, CO 1, CO 2
- Field preparation
  - Well drained soil with ridges & furrows not at heavy clay
  - o FYM 25t
- Seed rate
  - o 40,000 slips

- Spacing
  - o 50 x 50 cm
- Fertilizer
  - o 50-50-40 NPK
  - o 100 N kg after each cut
- Harvest
  - o Cut at 75-80 DAP subsequent at 45 days interval
  - o Green fodder 250 400 t

## Deenanath Grass - Pennisetum pedicillatum

- Season & varieties
  - o Thru' year CO 1
- Field preparation
  - Well drained soil with ridges & furrows
  - o Heavy clay or water logging not suitable
  - o FYM 25t
- Seed rate
  - o 2.5 kg
- Spacing
  - o 30cm solid row
- Fertilizer
  - o 40-60-40 NPK
  - o 20 N kg on 30th DAS
- Harvest
  - o 55-60 DAS
  - o Green fodder 40 45 t also as rainfed 20-25 t

Para grass / Water grass / Buffalo grass

#### Brachiaria mutica

- Season & varieties
  - o Thru' year
- Field preparation
  - o All type of soils more suited to moist and waterlogged soils
  - o FYM 25t
- Seed rate
  - o 40,000 slips
- Spacing
  - o 50 x 50 cm
- Fertilizer
  - o 20-40-0 NPK
  - o 20 N kg after each cut
- Harvest
  - o Cut at 60-90 DAP subsequent at 30-45 days interval
  - o Green fodder 200 240 t

### Other grasses

- Marvel grass
  - o Dicanthium annulatum
- Rhodes Grass

- Chloris gayana
  Elephant grass / Napier grass
  Pennisetum purpureum
- Johnson grass
  - Sorghum helepense
- Sudan grass
  - o Sorghum sudanense