

# SUNN HEMP (CROTALARIA JUNCEA)

## A HIGHLY PROMISING OPTION OF GREEN MANURE AND FODDER

*Crotalaria juncea*, commonly known as just Crotalaria, is source of green manure and fodder of unbeatable quality. An annual herbaceous species of the Fabaceae family, this legume has a 5-7 week growth cycle and reaches a height of approximately 1.8 m.

### Why should we use Crotalaria?

- \* IT HELPS CONTROL NEMATODES
- \* It produces 8-10 tons of organic matter per cycle in the form of rapidly decomposing plant matter
- \* It produces up to 200 units of nitrogen fertilizer per cutting





## **Why should we use Crotalaria as a green manure?**

**This is what we've discovered...**

**It forms a vegetative cover that prevents erosion**

**It reduces by 40% the use of agrochemicals**

**It improves the soil's physical and chemical characteristics**

**It increases the yield of future crops**

**It has a short vegetative cycle**



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A single harvest yields from 8 to 10 tons of dry matter per cut

Contains high levels of protein (18-22%)

It can be used as either hay or silage

Excellent palatability



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