



COBRA

BRACHIARIA HYBRID CV. CIAT BR02/1794

Its growth in erect tussocks—explaining its name—makes cutting easy while the grass remains tender, even when mature. Ideal as cut-and-carry grass and for both hay and silage production, Cobra responds well to fertilization in intensive systems.





THE COBRA HYBRID

The Cobra hybrid is the best alternative to achieving high green and dry matter production in intensive cut-and-carry grass systems, not only offering fresh grass to livestock but also producing hay and silage. This hybrid has also proven to be highly efficient for cattle grazing when farms need to increase the amount of grass available for animal consumption.

ANIMAL PRODUCTION

Cobra grass has the ability to produce green matter to feed animals in a relatively short time, presenting a high growth rate in cuttings at 45-day intervals, surpassing other forages such as sorghum and maralfalfa.

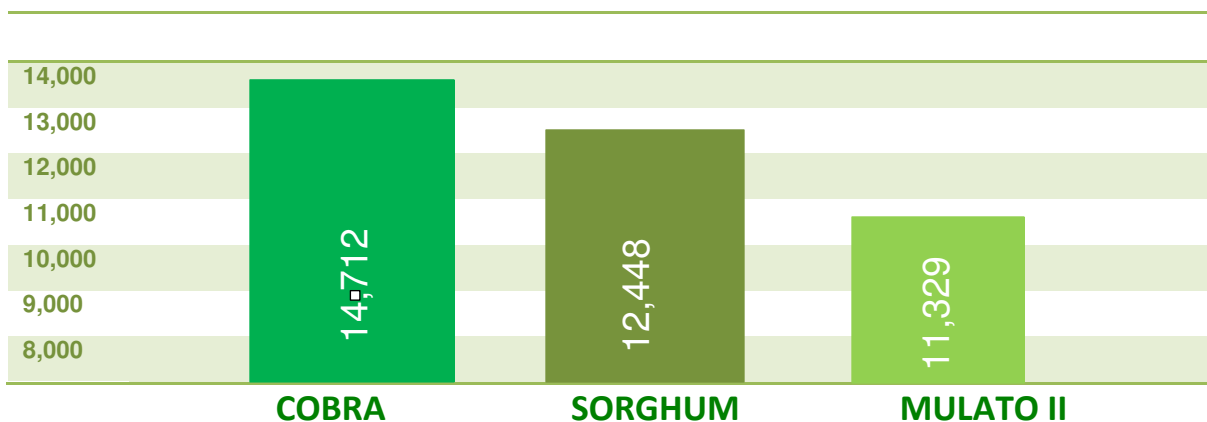
Its quality and production translate into improved animal production due to the increased availability of forage offering high-quality protein and excellent digestibility.

GROWTH AND PRODUCTION

In trials carried out at the Tropical Pastures Research Center (CIPAT) in Mexico as well as in trials in Costa Rica, the dry matter production of Cobra increases when cutting is conducted at 30–45 days, surpassing that of forage sorghum, maralfalfa, and Mulato II.

Cobra's advantage over other cut-and-carry forages is that it not only produces a greater amount of forage with high protein content, but also presents high digestibility (69%) and palatability. Animals therefore prefer this hybrid over other forages such as maralfalfa or forage sorghum.

**Forage production at 6 months
(kg DM hectare)**



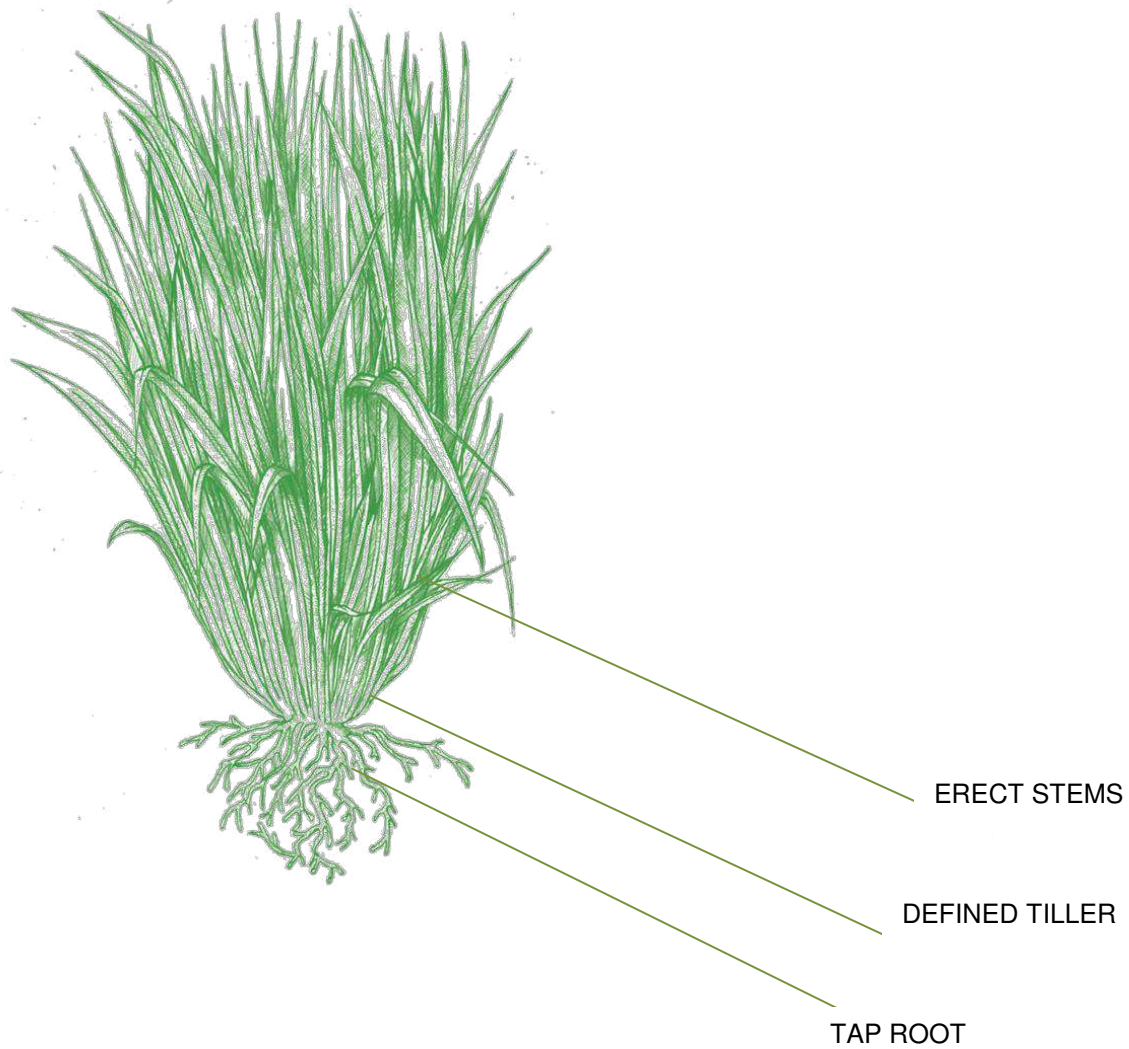
Source: La Esperanza, Chiapas, México 2015

TYPE OF GROWTH

Cobra grass, unlike Mulato II and Cayman, has an erect growth habit with well-defined tussocks, which is ideal for cut-and-carry.

This type of growth allows it to quickly recover from both cutting and grazing.

STRUCTURE OF COBRA GRASS



GENERAL INFORMATION

Tolerance to drought	Good
Tolerance to shade	Poor
Palatability	High
Tolerance to grazing	Poor
Cut-and-Carry	High
Hay and Silage	High
Resistance to spittlebug attack	Very good



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