The Effect of Two Heights of Cutting and Three Fertility Levels on the Yield, Protein Content and Species Composition of Tropical Kudzu and Molassesgrass Pasture

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TROPICAL Kudzu (Pueraria phaseoloides) is the outstanding forage legume in Puerto Rico and there is every reason to believe that its use will be extended to large areas of the Tropics. In Puerto Rico, wherever annual rainfall is between 50 and 100 inches, Tropical Kudzu has few weaknesses. It is a perennial which grows the year-round, producing heavy yields of high quality forage even on poor, acid soils. It is easily propagated by seed, and grows well in association with most of the improved grasses. It has no major insect pests or diseases, and when properly managed competes with and chokes out most of the weeds which grow so vigorously in the Tropics.