Call it a Niche - Call it a Need - Call it a Void

Here are some "less common" forages to consider when circumstances force us to look beyond alfalfa, clover and cool season grasses to help us get through the year. These forages can fill in:

- During hay or pasture renovation
- As emergency hay pasture or silage
- To reduce production losses due to "summer slump" or drought
- To extend the grazing season into late fall, winter and early spring

**BMR Sorghum x Sudangrass**  
Hay and/or grazing, drought tolerant, high yield potential, good feeding quality for dairy or beef, multi-cut/graze

**Black Forage Soybeans and**  
German Millet or BMR Sorghum x Sudangrass mixture

**'Derry Forage' Soybeans and BMR Forage Sorghum mixture**  
Best suited for full season silage, high protein, high quality, high volume crop; large capacity harvesting equipment needed

**Pearl Millet**  
Grazing, drought tolerant, suited to marginal soils

**Grazing Maize (corn)**  
High energy crop for grazing or silage

**Grazing Turnips**  
High quality late summer and fall grazing of top and tuber

**Tyfon**  
Chinese cabbage x turnip hybrid, for late summer and fall grazing, no tuber

**Spring Oats and Crabgrass mixture**  
Early spring grazing of oats, summer grazing and/or hay high quality crabgrass

**Triticale**  
Rye x wheat hybrid, late fall and early spring grazing, most commonly used for silage

**Winter Rye**  
Excellent fall, winter and early spring grazing; *Aroostook* and *Winter King* are improved forage varieties that have much higher forage yield potential

**Annual Ryegrass**  
High quality fall and early spring grazing with improved varieties during damp cool weather.