FOXTAIL MILLET

VARITIES: Golden German, German Strain R, White Wonder, Siberian

Variety	Seed Color	Characteristics
German Strain R	Yellow	Long season, 75 day 3 ½' to 5', medium stems
Golden German	Golden	Medium season, 65 day, 3' to 4', fine stems
White Wonder	White	Medium season, 60 day, 3' to 4', fine stems
Siberian	Orange	Short season, 45 day, 2 ½' to 3 ½', very fine stems

PREFERED USES: Fine stemmed leafy hay with lower water requirement and faster dry down. Do not use for pasture. Must be harvested in boot to early heading stage. Creates excellent stubble after harvest for fall grass or alfalfa plantings.

ESTIMATED YIELD: 1 to 3.5 tons dry matter/acre

SEEDING DATE: Mid to late June or after soil temperature is 60 degrees or above. Better emergence and stands when temp is 70 to 75 degrees at 6" depth. For optimum production plant before July 1.

PLANTING RATE: Dryland 12 to 18 lb. /acre
Irrigated 15 to 25 lb. /acre

SEEDBED PREPARATION: Prepare a firm, weed-free seed bed and drill 1/2" to 1" deep. Crusting can occur if millet receives rain before emergence. Well adapted to light sandy soils. (Note: Insure soil is free from carryover grass herbicides such as Dual, Lasso, and Treflan.)

FERTILIZATION: Utilize soil tests to determine P & K and race minerals needed. Apply 40 to 80 pounds of Nitrogen per acre. Split applications will lessen the nitrate poisoning potential.

WEED CONTROL: Planting in weed (emerged) free soil is best starting place. Foxtail millet is susceptible to injury by 2, 4-D. Use low rates if broadleaf weed control is necessary.

HARVEST: Grazing (summer) is not recommended due to poor re-growth characteristics of foxtail millets. Haying is best done when plants are in the boot or early bloom stage. Allow drying time for stems to dry before baling.