



FORGAGE SORGUM: **SEEDTOP**

PRODUCTION POTENTIAL:

- Dry matter production: 5 – 15 t/ha/annum

TYPE

- Sub-tropical, Sorghum x Sudan grass

PRODUCTION PERIOD

- Summer, Annual

STRENGTHS:

- Good re-growth potential
- Adapted to dryland and irrigated situation

FEEDING VALUE:

- Crude protein (CP): 12 – 18 %
- Digestibility: 56 – 64 %

USES:

- Grazing & silage

SOIL REQUIREMENTS:

- Widely adapted to most soil types
- Do not tolerate low pH
- pH range of 5.5 – 7.5

ESTABLISHMENT:

- Plant during October – January
- Seeding rate of 12.5 – 25 kg/ha dryland and 25 – 37.5 kg/ha irrigated

MORPHOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION

- Vigorously-growing, erect with branched tillers, 2 – 3 m tall
- Leaf blade is long; serrated margins; prominent midrib; smooth and covered with a waxy coating; 2.5 – 4.0 mm wide
- Oval to round seeds; white, yellow, red or brown; 30 000 – 50 000 seeds/kg

Sorghum bicolor