

WONDERLEAF MILLET

Key Features

Wonderleaf is a bush-type hybrid Pearl Millet with high yield potential that is achieved very quickly, being only 62 days in the boot stage. Wonderleaf has a high level of tolerance to many pathogens and high humidity, but cannot tolerate standing surface water. Wonderleaf can be grown on as little as 16" of water; however, greater tonnage will be produced with greater water availability. Wonderleaf bush-type plant stature means that the forage produced is virtually all leaves. This high leaf mass gives Wonderleaf high crude protein concentrations and high TDN values.

Seeding Rate

20-25 lbs/acre.

Seeding Depth

½" into firm seedbed.

Establishment

Seeding can be effectively done with a grain drill. Seed in late spring to early summer when soils have reached 65°.

Management Keys

Wonderleaf can be cut and wilted while in a vegetative growth stage. Mechanically harvest when plants reach 30–35" in height, leaving a 4-6" stubble or cut above the first node. Graze Wonderleaf at a height of 18-24" but you can begin grazing as short as 15" to account for accumulated growth during the grazing period.



Characteristics

Drought Tolerance	4
Wet Soil	4
Seeding Vigor	5
Baleage	4
Silage	3
Grazing	5

Scale 1-5 (1 = Poor, 5 = Excellent)