

GERMAN FOXTAIL MILLET

Scientific Name: *Setaria Italica*

Classification: Warm seasonal annual

Planting rate: 8-12 pounds per acre

Planting dates: April 1-June 1

Maturity: 90-100 Days (August or September)

Seeds per pound: 213,000

Planting Depth: 1 inch or less

Drought tolerance: 1-10 scale (6)

German Foxtail Millet is a warm season annual that grows 2-3 feet tall. It has a tight cylindrical head which is golden yellow at maturity. It produces a bristle or hair which helps protect the seed from grasshoppers. Because German millet seeds hold on better than any other millet, mow or swath two weeks before season so there will be food on the ground for birds. Foxtail millet was cultivated in China as early as 2700 B.C and seems to have better drought tolerance than the other millets. Sowing in early spring helps to establish a root system before hot weather begins. Good for a quick cover in hot weather.