



## TYPES OF SORGHUM



**GRAIN SORGHUM** There are various types of grain sorghum including red, orange, bronze, tan, white and black colored sorghum. Red, orange or bronze sorghum is traditionally grown and is used in all segments of the sorghum industry. Tan, cream and white colored sorghum varieties are typically made into flour for the food industry, while black and burgundy varieties contain beneficial antioxidant properties and are utilized in other food applications.



**FORAGE SORGHUM** Depending on which species and variety is selected, sorghum can be used for grazing pasture, hay production, silage and green-chop. Forage sorghum typically grows 7-14 feet tall and is most popular for use as silage for feeding livestock.



**BIOMASS SORGHUM** Biomass sorghum has the largest stature of all the sorghum varieties, with the potential to reach a height of 20 feet in a normal growing season. Biomass sorghum has been bred to produce a large amount of non-grain biomass. These hybrids are used primarily for the production of bioenergy.



**SWEET SORGHUM** Sweet sorghum is predominantly grown for sorghum syrup. Unlike grain sorghum, sweet sorghum is harvested for the stalks rather than the grain and is crushed like sugarcane or beets to produce a syrup. Today, sweet sorghum is used as a healthy alternative sweetener to produce whiskey and rum type products and for biofuel and chemical production.