## THE RESOURCE CONSERVING CROP







## RAIN OR SHINE, SORGHUM IS THE SMART CHOICE FOR MAXIMIZING WATER EFFICIENCY

- It takes only 6 inches of total water (soil, rainfall, irrigation) to produce the first bushel of grain sorghum.
  - Sorghum has inherent drought tolerant traits such as waxy leaves, which hold in moisture during dry conditions.
- When incorporated into a crop mix, sorghum stover will increase soil water holding capacity and reduce runoff.
- In normal conditions, sorghum produces approximately 500 lbs of grain for every inch of total water.
- Sorghum uses one-third to one-half less water than corn.

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- Sorghum has an extensive fibrous root system which increases its ability to mine water.
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- Sorghum silage produces similar yields to corn silage but on less water.
- Sorghum has a long planting season and diverse hybrid portfolio, offering farmers a broad window to take advantage
  - of moisture patterns.

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    of corn reducing the evaporative
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Sorghum sheds a large amount of pollen to ensure seed set under high temperature environments.

