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KVK, Lohit introduces new crop, Rabi Sorghum



NAMSAI, Mar 26: Rabi maize is only cereal crop of Namsai district. However, sub-tropical and non foggy climatic conditions are well suitable to Rabi Sorghum - an important coarse cereal crop produced in Maharashtra and other south Indian states. Considering the suitability of climatic condition, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Lohit, Namsai district under the ICAR- NRC on Yak has introduced dual purpose (grain and fodder) varieties of Rabi Sorghum namely, CSV-29. The Rabi Sorghum varieties were introduced for the first time not only in the Namsai district but probably whole of North-Eastern region of India. The whole OFT experiment was done under the guidance of ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad. All varieties grown under rain fed condition and maintain the plant growth well even under water scarcity condition. The varieties attaining average 130.66 cm plant height at 60 days after sowing and produced average 224.3q/ha green fodder. The growth and palatability of Rabi Sorghum fodder for dairy animal was better than the conventional maize fodder crop in prevailing winter season. The varieties possess grain production potential hence, evaluation of Rabi Sorghum in Namsai district is still continued to popularize as important cereal crop of winter season. The roasted grain was very tasty and people were very interested to eat the product made. Dr Santosh Kumar and Dr B K D Borah, SMS Animal Science, were involved to introduce the high yielding fodder variety of sorghum under the supervision of PC, KVK, D Sasmal.