

GRAIN SORGHUM PERFORMANCE TRIALS IN OKLAHOMA, 2006

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TRIAL OBJECTIVES AND PROCEDURES

Each year, performance trials for hybrid grain the Oklahoma sorghums are conducted bv

Cooperative Extension Service to provide producers, extension educators, industry representatives, and researchers with information for hybrid grain sorghums marketed in Oklahoma.

Performance trials are conducted at eight locations in Oklahoma: Altus, Blackwell, Cherokee, Enid, Goodwell, Homestead, Keyes, and Tipton. Dryland trials are conducted at all locations, with an additional irrigation limited trial Goodwell. The Cherokee and

Homestead locations are unique trials to evaluate certain hybrids (generally early and medium maturity) for planting in late April. In 2004 a trial was established at Enid to evaluate hybrids for use as a double crop. All trial locations also have DK-44 and KS 585 planted with and without (WO) seed applied insecticide to determine the affect of these treatments on grain yield.

groups (early, medium, and late) and trial locations, therefore, all hybrids were not entered at all Hybrids tested at the Cherokee, locations. Homestead, and Enid locations were determined by Oklahoma State University. Companies submitted all hybrid characteristics presented in Table 1. This information was not determined or verified by Oklahoma State University. Company participation was voluntary therefore some hybrids marketed in

Oklahoma were not included in the test. Each

maturity group was tested in a randomized complete

Grain sorghum hybrids entered (Table 1) were assigned by companies to their respective maturity

> block design with replications. Plots were two 30inch rows by 25 feet. Plots were trimmed to 20 feet prior to

> harvest. Tractor powered cone planters were used to plant all trials with seeding rates adjusted for trial location. Trials were harvested with a (Massey-Ferguson 8) plot combine. Target populations, cooperating

producers, fertilization, cultural practices. soil series. and herbicide use on all trials are listed individually in the results tables. Rainfall data from the

nearest Mesonet site are also listed. Some trials are long distances from the nearest Mesonet site, therefore rainfall could be greater or less than This year we only reported in-season rainfall, as compared to yearly totals, in previous reports.

Highlights

The drought that reduced wheat yields in 2006 also affected yields of summer crops. The only dryland trial in the state with high yields was the no-till trial at Cherokee, with an average yield of 91.0 bu/ac.

The yield for the limited irrigation trial at OPREC was higher than expected. The full season hybrids averaged 142.5 bu/ac with only 5 inches of irrigation. Producers also reported yields of 180 bu/ac with irrigation amounts of 5-6 inches.

GROWING CONDITIONS

Moisture

Soil moisture conditions were adequate for planting at all trials planted in April except for Homestead, which was dusted in and received adequate moisture for emergence 10 days later. In the panhandle, May and early-June rains provided adequate moisture for planting in Texas and Beaver counties. Cimarron county, however did not receive adequate rainfall for planting until late June. Most areas of the state had visible drought stress during some point of the growing season. Rainfall was variable with some areas receiving adequate precipitation and other areas none during June and July. The panhandle region had more than adequate rainfall from late June through September. Although adequate rainfall was received, later planting did delay grain sorghum maturity. With the delay in maturity test weights were negatively affected, and test weights near 40 lbs/bu were common. There were yields of double crop sorghum near 60 bu/ac reported in central Oklahoma, but the trial at Enid was abandoned due to lack of rainfall. The Tipton and Altus locations were affected by drought stress throughout the growing season which explains the low yields at Tipton and the trial being abandoned at Altus.

RESULTS

Yields in 2006 were lower than those from 2005 at most locations. Also more trials were abandoned or not planted due to drought stress than in 2005. There were no major harvest delays at trial locations or for producers with early-planted grain sorghum. Due to the delay in maturity of grain sorghum in the panhandle, harvest was delayed until temperatures were low enough to kill the plant.

Grain yields are reported bushel per acre of threshed grain, adjusted to a moisture content of 14.0% (Tables 2-7). Test weight, plant population, and the number of heads per acre at harvest are reported. Bird damage and lodging are also reported when present at a location.

Different plant populations at each location precluded comparison between locations. Also comparisons

across maturity groups were not conducted. Producers should note that late maturing hybrids will generally yield more than early and medium maturity hybrids. However, the availability of moisture at critical crop development periods often influences yield more than the yield differences associated with maturity groups.

When choosing a maturity group, the type of cropping system, planting date, planting rate and potential moisture should be taken into consideration. For more information consult **Fact Sheet No. 2034** Grain Sorghum Planting Rates and Dates, and **Fact Sheet No. 2113** Grain Sorghum Production Calendar.

Least Significant Difference (L.S.D.) is a statistical test of yield differences and are shown at the bottom of each table. Unless two hybrids differ by at least the L.S.D. shown, little confidence can be placed in one hybrid being superior to another and the difference is probably not real.

The coefficient of variation (C.V.) is provided as an estimate of the precision of the data with respect to the mean for that location and maturity group. To provide some indication of yield stability, 2-year and 3-year means for yield and test weight are provided where trials have been conducted for more than one year with more than three entries per maturity group Producers interested in comparing hybrids for consistency of yield in a specific area should consult these tables.

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Table 1. Seed source and hybrid characteristics of grain sorghum in the Oklahoma Grain Sorghum

Performance Trials, 2006. All hybrids are susceptible to birds and are single cross.

| Company Brand Name | Hybrid | Seed Color | Endo- sperm | Days to Mid- bloom | Greenbug Resistance | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 2 (4422 | Early | Maturity | | N100111 | | | | | |
| Frontier Hybrids | F 222 E | R | Y | 52 | Е | | | | |
| Frontier Hybrids | F 270 E | Bz | Y | 54 | Е | | | | |
| Frontier Hybrids | F 303 C | Cr | Y | 59 | Е | | | | |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | KS 310 | BZ | HY | 57 | C,E | | | | |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | NK 3303 | W | Y | 57 | NA | | | | |
| Asgrow Seed | Pulsar | Bz | HY | 60 | C,E,I | | | | |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DKS 37-07 | Bz | HY | 60 | C,E,I | | | | |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DKS 29-28 | Bz | HY | 58 | C,E | | | | |
| Frontier Hybrids | F 305 | Cr | Y | 60 | E | | | | |
| Medium Maturity | | | | | | | | | |
| Garst Seed Company | 5360 | R | HY | 69 | NA | | | | |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DKS 36-16 | BZ | HY | 61 | NA | | | | |
| Garst Seed Company | 5750 | BZ | HY | 62 | C, E | | | | |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | KS 585 | Bz | HY | 67 | C, E | | | | |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | KS 585 | | | | | | | | |
| Garst Seed Company | 5401 | R | HY | 68 | Е | | | | |
| NC+ Hybrids | 6B50 | Bz | HY | 62 | None | | | | |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DKS 42-20 | Bz | Ну | 62 | C, E | | | | |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DK 44 | Bz | HY | 67 | C, E | | | | |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DK 44 | | | | | | | | |
| Seed Resource | SR 421 | R | HY | 62 | None | | | | |
| Seed Resource | SR 254 | R | HY | 62 | None | | | | |
| NC+ Hybrids | 6C21 | Cr | NA | 62 | С | | | | |
| NC+ Hybrids | 7R34 | R | NA | 70 | None | | | | |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | X505 | Bz | HY | 67 | Е | | | | |
| | Late | Maturity | | | | | | | |
| Asgrow Seed | A567 | Bz | Ну | 71 | None | | | | |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DKS 54-00 | Bz | HY | 72 | C,E,I | | | | |
| Walter Moss Seed Co. LTD | M-1024-DPW | W | | S | 75 | | | | |
| Asgrow Seed | A571 | Bz | HY | 72 | NONE | | | | |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DKS 53-11 | Bz | HY | S | 71 | | | | |

 $Seed\ Color;\ Br-Brown;\ W-White;\ Y-Yellow;\ Bz-Bronze;\ R-Red;\ C-Cream$

Endosperm: HW – heterowaxy; W – waxy; HY – Heteroyellow; Y – Yellow; N – Non-waxy

Maturity group: Early (less than 60 days to mid-bloom); Medium (60 – 70 days to mid-bloom); Late – (70+ days to mid-bloom)

Greenbug Resistance: Biotype hybrid is resistance too

Table 2. Results from Blackwell grain sorghum performance trial, 2006.

| Company | Entry | | Yield bu/ac | Test v | weight lb/bu | Plant | Head |
|-----------------------|-------------|------|-------------|--------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Brand Name | Designation | 2006 | Two-year | 2006 | Two-year | Population plants/ac | Population heads/ac |
| | | | Early | | | | |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DKS 37-07 | 58.2 | 61.5 | 57.9 | 56.0 | 30,000 | 1.24 |
| Asgrow Seed | Pulsar | 59.8 | 56.9 | 55.2 | 54.0 | 32,600 | 1.22 |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DKS 29-28 | 53.7 | 56.7 | 52.9 | 53.8 | 34,100 | 1.24 |
| Frontier Hybrids | F 303 C | 46.8 | 53.9 | 56.0 | 54.4 | 40,300 | 0.94 |
| Frontier Hybrids | F 222 E | 44.6 | 50.3 | 55.6 | 54.5 | 28,800 | 0.97 |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | KS 310 | 50.4 | | 55.6 | | 34,000 | 0.97 |
| Frontier Hybrids | F 270 E | 48.5 | | 55.3 | | 30,000 | 1.00 |
| Frontier Hybrids | F 305 | 45.9 | | 56.4 | | 29,300 | 0.97 |
| | Mean | 51.0 | 55.8 | 55.6 | 54.6 | 32,400 | 1.07 |
| | C.V.% | 9.9 | 16.5 | 0.9 | 4.1 | 12.2 | 10.60 |
| | L.S.D. | 7.4 | NS | 0.8 | NS | 5,800 | 0.17 |

| Company | Entry | Grain | Yield bu/ac | Test v | weight lb/bu | Plant | Head |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------|-------------|--------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Brand Name | Designation | 2006 | Two-year | 2006 | Two-year | Population plants/ac | Population heads/ac |
| | | Medi | um and full | | | | |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DKS 42-20 | 68.3 | 67.5 | 56.0 | 55.5 | 22,900 | 1.81 |
| Seed Resource | SR 421 | 49.0 | 63.6 | 57.1 | 55.2 | 36,000 | 0.96 |
| NC+ Hybrids | 6B50 | 53.9 | 62.3 | 55.8 | 54.6 | 38,600 | 1.05 |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DK 44 | 47.6 | 56.7 | 58.1 | 57.2 | 26,900 | 1.14 |
| Walter Moss Seed Co. LTD | M-1024-DPW | 41.5 | 53.8 | 56.5 | 55.7 | 27,200 | 1.04 |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | KS 585 | 61.9 | 52.3 | 58.8 | 57.3 | 37,400 | 1.17 |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DK 44 WO | 40.7 | 51.3 | 57.0 | 56.5 | 21,400 | 1.12 |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | KS 585 WO | 43.7 | 49.0 | 58.6 | 57.4 | 31,000 | 1.02 |
| NC+ Hybrids | 7R34 | 57.6 | | 59.4 | | 41,900 | 1.04 |
| Garst Seed Company | 5750 | 52.5 | | 56.8 | | 37,900 | 1.10 |
| NC+ Hybrids | 6C21 | 49.5 | | 53.5 | | 39,200 | 1.15 |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DKS 36-16 | 48.6 | | 58.3 | | 28,600 | 1.05 |
| Seed Resource | SR 254 | 48.1 | | 54.2 | | 41,700 | 1.04 |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | X505 | 44.4 | | 55.5 | | 37,200 | 0.91 |
| | Mean | 50.5 | 57.1 | 55.9 | 56.2 | 33,400 | 1.11 |
| | C.V.% | 14.0 | 19.4 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 14.7 | 9.80 |
| | L.S.D. | 10.1 | 11.1 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 7,000 | 0.16 |

Cooperator: Bill and Louise Rigdon Soil Series: Kirkland Silt Loam No-till Practices: Followed Soybean in 2005

Soil Test: N: 10 P: 52 K: 458 pH: 5.1 Fertilizer: N: 125 lbs/ac + 5 gal/ac 10-34-0 with planter

Planting Date: April 20, 2006 Target Population: 45,000 plants/ac

Herbicide: 2 qt/ac Cinch ATZ Lite (Preemergence)

Harvest Date: September 8, 2006 Monthly Rainfall (in.)

Total Apr. May June July Aug. 2006: 6.49 3.42 1.55 2.26 2.60 16.32 19.03 Long term mean: 3.28 5.83 4.05 2.68 3.19

Table 3. Results from Cherokee grain sorghum performance trial, 2006.

| Company | Entry | Days | | Grain Yield | bu/ac | | Test weight | lb/bu | Plant | Head |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------------|-------|-------------|------------|------|-------------|------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Brand Name | Designation | To Midbloom | 2006 | Two-year | Three-year | 2006 | Two-year | Three-year | Population plants/ac | Population heads/ac |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | KS 585 | 65 | 101.8 | 108.7 | 95.2 | 58.0 | 58.1 | 58.8 | 40,600 | 1.73 |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DKS 42-20 | 65 | 86.5 | 102.9 | 94.2 | 55.5 | 55.6 | 56.9 | 37,000 | 1.76 |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DK 44 | 62 | 96.8 | 103.6 | 93.1 | 55.9 | 55.6 | 56.9 | 31,700 | 1.91 |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DKs 37-07 | 60 | 105.6 | 103.7 | 92.5 | 56.9 | 56.9 | 57.8 | 26,900 | 2.51 |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | KS 310 | 57 | 88.8 | 112.7 | 92.5 | 53.5 | 53.5 | 55.2 | 32,800 | 1.92 |
| Frontier Hybrids, Inc | F-303 C | 59 | 71.5 | 77.1 | 68.6 | 54.4 | 53.8 | 55.3 | 32,900 | 1.66 |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | KS 585 WO | 65 | 89.5 | 50.9 | 54.2 | 59.2 | 57.2 | 58.2 | 33,400 | 1.93 |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DK 44 WO | 62 | 82.9 | 41.5 | 47.6 | 55.1 | 55.3 | 56.6 | 27,500 | 2.06 |
| NC+ Hybrids | 6B50 | 62 | 99.8 | | | 55.1 | | | 38,100 | 1.69 |
| Garst Seed Company | 5750 | 62 | 98.2 | | | 56.8 | | | 34,500 | 1.90 |
| Seed Resource | SR 421 | 64 | 87.7 | | | 55.3 | | | 37,900 | 1.61 |
| Frontier Hybrids | F 305 | 60 | 87.3 | | | 54.1 | | | 29,000 | 1.86 |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | X505 | 67 | 86.2 | | | 55.4 | | | 37,800 | 1.32 |
| | | Mean | 91.0 | 87.6 | 79.7 | 55.8 | 55.7 | 57.0 | 33,900 | 1.84 |
| | | C.V.% | 12.0 | 36.1 | 36.4 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 11.3 | 16.60 |
| | | L.S.D. | 15.6 | 31.7 | 23.6 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 5,500 | 0.44 |

Note: CV% is high for two and three-year because plots without seed treatment never emerged in 2005 and means are figured with 0 yield for 2006.

Cooperator: Doug McMurtrey Soil Series: Pond Creek Silt Loam No-till Practices: fallowed after wheat in 2005

Soil Test: N: 16 P: 22 K: 271 pH: 6.1 Fertilizer: N: 120 lbs N/ac + 5 gal/ac 10-34-0 with planter

Planting Date: April 20, 2006 Target Population: 45,000 plants/ac

Herbicide 2 qt/ac Cinch ATZ Lite Preemergence

Harvest Date: September 8, 2006 Monthly Rainfall (in.)

Aug. **Total** Apr. May June July 2006: 0.99 1.06 2.97 0.70 3.67 16.88 Long term mean: 3.28 5.83 4.05 2.68 3.19 19.03

Table 4. Results from Homestead grain sorghum performance trial, 2006.

| Company Brand Name | Entry Designation | Days To Midbloom | Grain Yield bu/ac 2006 | Test weight Lb/bu 2006 | Plant Population plants/ac | Head Population heads/ac |
|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Garst Seed Company | 5750 | 62 | 49.9 | 56.3 | 29,500 | 1.43 |
| Frontier Hybrids | F 305 | 60 | 49.6 | 55.0 | 31,700 | 1.05 |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | KS 585 WO | 65 | 49.2 | 56.0 | 30,100 | 1.21 |
| NC+ Hybrids | 6B50 | 62 | 45.1 | 53.2 | 33,400 | 1.11 |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DKS 42-20 | 65 | 44.3 | 54.0 | 26,000 | 1.41 |
| Frontier Hybrids, Inc | F-303 C | 59 | 44.1 | 55.3 | 32,000 | 1.11 |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | KS 585 | 65 | 43.2 | 57.6 | 30,900 | 1.23 |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DKs 37-07 | 60 | 40.9 | 57.0 | 28,700 | 1.11 |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DK 44 WO | 62 | 39.8 | 56.9 | 29,400 | 1.03 |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | X505 | 67 | 37.8 | 55.1 | 32,300 | 1.10 |
| Seed Resource | SR 421 | 64 | 36.4 | 55.9 | 37,500 | 1.04 |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DK 44 | 62 | 33.7 | 54.5 | 32,600 | 1.04 |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | KS 310 | 57 | 32.5 | 49.4 | 34,500 | 1.20 |
| | | Mean | 42.0 | 55.1 | 31,400 | 1.16 |
| | | C.V.% | 19.1 | 2.7 | 13.0 | 11.40 |
| | | L.S.D. | 11.5 | 2.2 | 5,900 | 0.19 |

Cooperator: Brook Strader

Soil Series: Pratt Loamy Fine Sand

No-till tillage Practices: Wheat sprayed in April 2006

Soil Test: N: 66 P: 40 K: 448 pH: 5.3

Fertilizer: N: 70 lbs N + 5 gal/ac 10-34-0 with planter Herbicide: Cinch ATZ Lite 2 qts/ac (Preemergence)

Planting Date: April 20, 2006 Target Population: 45,000 plants/ac

Harvest Date: September 7, 2006

Monthly Rainfall (in.)

| | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Total |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 2006: | 1.47 | 1.64 | 2.39 | 3.42 | 3.33 | 12.25 |
| Long term mean: | 2.50 | 4.20 | 3.20 | 2.70 | 2.80 | 15.40 |

Table 5. Results from OPREC limited irrigation grain sorghum performance trial, 2006.

| Company Brand Name | Entry Designation | Grain Yield bu/ac | Test weight Lb/bu | Plant Population plants/ac | Head Population heads/ac |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | Early | | | |
| Frontier Hybrids | F 303 C | 138.6 | 60.8 | 50,900 | 1.26 |
| Asgrow Seed | Pulsar | 133.0 | 60.5 | 52,200 | 1.31 |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DKS 37-07 | 127.7 | 60.3 | 50,200 | 1.29 |
| Frontier Hybrids | F 222 E | 121.5 | 59.8 | 48,200 | 1.32 |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DKS 29-28 | 117.8 | 59.9 | 49,800 | 1.36 |
| Frontier Hybrids | F 305 | 117.2 | 59.2 | 50,800 | 1.20 |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | KS 310 | 115.1 | 59.5 | 50,400 | 1.33 |
| Frontier Hybrids | F 270 E | 114.6 | 59.1 | 44,800 | 1.28 |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | NK 3303 | 88.3 | 59.6 | 41,700 | 1.35 |
| | Mean | 119.3 | 59.8 | 48.8 | 1.30 |
| | C.V.% | 13.1 | 1.7 | 8.6 | 8.7 |
| | L.S.D. | 19.1 | NS | 6,100 | NS |

| Company Brand Name | Entry Designation | Grain Yield bu/ac | Test weight Lb/bu | Plant Population plants/ac | Head Population heads/ac | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| | Medium | | | | | |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | KS 585 WO | 141.3 | 60.8 | 52,700 | 1.30 | |
| Seed Resource | SR 421 | 134.4 | 58.3 | 49,500 | 1.17 | |
| Seed Resource | SR 254 | 131.9 | 58.2 | 54,300 | 1.19 | |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DK 44 | 123.4 | 59.5 | 49,400 | 1.16 | |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | X505 | 123.4 | 59 | 52,600 | 1.13 | |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DK 44 WO | 122.1 | 59.2 | 46,300 | 1.20 | |
| Garst Seed Company | 5360 | 119.6 | 58.6 | 53,900 | 1.06 | |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | KS 585 | 119.0 | 60.2 | 50,100 | 1.22 | |
| Garst Seed Company | 5401 | 111.1 | 60.4 | 46,900 | 1.33 | |
| | Mean | 125.1 | 59.3 | 50,600 | 1.20 | |
| | C.V.% | 10.0 | 1.9 | 8.0 | 8.00 | |
| | L.S.D. | NS | 0.5 | NS | 0.14 | |

Table 5. Continued

| Company Brand Name | Entry Designation | Grain Yield bu/ac | Test weight Lb/bu | Plant Population plants/ac | Head Population heads/ac |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | Late | | | |
| Asgrow Seed | A571 | 151.2 | 58.2 | 50,000 | 1.12 |
| Asgrow Seed | A567 | 149.6 | 60.2 | 46,300 | 1.21 |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DKS 53-11 | 146.6 | 60.3 | 47,300 | 1.10 |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DKS 54-00 | 145.7 | 60.0 | 48,200 | 1.28 |
| Walter Moss Seed Co. LTD | M-1024-DPW | 119.2 | 57.4 | 42,600 | 1.14 |
| | Mean | 142.5 | 59.2 | 46,900 | 1.17 |
| | C.V.% | 8.6 | 1.7 | 6.9 | 6.50 |
| | L.S.D. | 18.8 | 0.7 | NS | NS |

Cooperator: OPREC

Soil Series: Richfield Clay Loam

Strip Tillage Practices: Planted following Soybean in 2005

Soil Test: N: 25 lbs/ac P: 18 K: 978 pH: 7.8

Fertilizer: N: 200 lbs N/ac P: 40 lbs P₂O₅/ac K: 0

Herbicide: Cinch ATZ Lite 2 qts/ac (Preemergence)

Planting Date: June 7, 2006 Target Population: 50,000 plants/ac

Harvest Date: November 6, 2006

Monthly Rainfall (in.)

| | May | June | July | Aug. | Sep. | Total |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 2006: | 2.19 | 2.34 | 2.05 | 4.06 | 1.19 | 11.83 |
| Long term mean: | 3.25 | 2.86 | 2.58 | 2.28 | 1.77 | 12.74 |

------ Irrigation (in.) ------May Jun. Jul. Aug. Sept. 0.0 1.0 2.0 0.0 2.0

Table 6. Results from Goodwell dryland grain sorghum performance trial, 2006.

| Company | Entry | Grain Y | ield bu/ac | Test wei | ght lb/bu | Plant | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------|------------|----------|-----------|----------------------|--|--|
| Brand Name | Designation | 2006 | Two-year | 2006 | Two-year | Population plants/ac | | |
| Early | | | | | | | | |
| Asgrow Seed | Pulsar | 63.2 | 62.4 | 50.0 | 53.9 | 20,000 | | |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DKS 37-07 | 49.5 | 56.6 | 44.0 | 51.3 | 18,200 | | |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DKS 29-28 | 61.6 | 55.9 | 52.8 | 55.1 | 17,700 | | |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | KS 310 | 70.3 | | 52.9 | | 20,800 | | |
| Frontier Hybrids | F 303 C | 60.6 | | 45.7 | | 20,100 | | |
| Frontier Hybrids | F 222 E | 58.7 | | 51.2 | | 19,500 | | |
| Frontier Hybrids | F 270 E | 57.2 | | 46.2 | | 19,000 | | |
| Frontier Hybrids | F 305 | 55.3 | | 46.9 | | 20,000 | | |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | NK 3303 | 53.9 | | 49.7 | | 16,600 | | |
| | Mean | 58.9 | 58.2 | 48.8 | 53.4 | 19,100 | | |
| | C.V.% | 17.6 | 19.8 | 3.2 | 5.6 | 12.1 | | |
| | L.S.D. | NS | NS | 2.3 | 3.2 | NS | | |

Note: no head counts for dryland trial, wind storm 3 days prior to harvest lodged all sorghum

| Company | Entry | Grain Y | 'ield bu/ac | Test wei | ght lb/bu | Plant |
|--------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Brand Name | Designation | 2006 | Two-year | 2006 | Two-year | Population plants/ac |
| | M | ledium and f | ull | | | |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | KS 585 | 51.7 | 52.5 | 45.7 | 51.7 | 18,000 |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | KS 585 | 49.8 | 50.6 | 46.9 | 52.2 | 18,200 |
| Seed Resource | SR 421 | 36.0 | 47.7 | 42.3 | 49.0 | 18,200 |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DK 44 | 33.9 | 42.8 | 42.0 | 50.1 | 17,400 |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DK 44 | 31.9 | 41.3 | 42.8 | 50.6 | 16,400 |
| Seed Resource | SR 254 | 52.3 | | 41.7 | | 21,000 |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | X505 | 33.7 | | 41.9 | | 21,000 |
| Walter Moss Seed Co. LTD | M-1024-DPW | 14.1 | | 40.5 | | 15,900 |
| | Mean | 37.9 | 46.9 | 42.9 | 50.7 | 18,300 |
| | C.V.% | 18.3 | 19.2 | 2.6 | 3.3 | 8.7 |
| | L.S.D. | 10.2 | 9.2 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 2,300 |

Cooperator: OPREC Soil Test: N: 66 P: 29 K: 1,256 pH: 7.3 Herbicide 2 qt/ac Cinch ATZ Lite Preemergence

Target Population: 22,000 plants/ac

Soil Series: Richfield Clay Loam No-till Practices: Following wheat 2005

Fertilizer: N: 50 lbs N/ac + 5 gal/ac 10-34-0 with planter Planting Date: June 7, 2006, replanted June 29

Harvest Date: November 17, 2006

Monthly Rainfall (in.)

| | May | June | July | Aug. | Sep. | Total |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 2006: | 2.19 | 2.34 | 2.05 | 4.06 | 1.19 | 11.83 |
| Long term mean: | 3.25 | 2.86 | 2.58 | 2.28 | 1.77 | 12.74 |

Table 7. Results from Tipton grain sorghum performance trial, 2006.

| Company Brand Name | Entry Designation | Grain Yield bu/ac 2006 | Test weight Lb/bu 2006 | Plant Population plants/ac | Head Population heads/ac | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Early | | | | | | | |
| Frontier Hybrids | F 222 E | 19.6 | 57.2 | 32,100 | 1.05 | | |
| Frontier Hybrids | F 270 E | 25.3 | 56.7 | 34,800 | 1.09 | | |
| Frontier Hybrids | F 303 C | 26.8 | 55.8 | 35,800 | 1.06 | | |
| Sorghum Partners Inc | KS 310 | 32.7 | 58.3 | 39,300 | 1.27 | | |
| Asgrow Seed | Pulsar | 35.2 | 54.6 | 35,600 | 1.41 | | |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DKS 37-07 | 27.1 | 54.8 | 37,200 | 0.98 | | |
| Dekalb Genetics Corp. | DKS 29-28 | 34.3 | 55.7 | 40,000 | 1.17 | | |
| Frontier Hybrids | F 305 | 30.5 | 55.5 | 35,300 | 1.11 | | |
| | Mean | 28.9 | 56.1 | 36,300 | 1.14 | | |
| | C.V.% | 18.3 | 1.8 | 9.2 | 13.5 | | |
| | L.S.D. | 7.8 | 1.5 | NS | 0.22 | | |

Note: Tipton medium and late hybrids were harvested, but data highly variable and not reported

Cooperator: Southwest Research and Extension Center

Conventional Tillage Practices: Sorghum-fallow-sorghum rotation

Fertilizer: N: 83 lbs/ac P: 0 K: 0

Planting Date: April 21, 2006 Target Population: 45,000 plants/ac

Harvest Date: August 10, 2006

Monthly Rainfall (in.)

| | Apr. | May | June | July | Total |
|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 2006: | 2.91 | 2.70 | 0.49 | 1.09 | 7.19 |

Long term mean: 2.30 4.30 3.45 2.08 **12.13**

Soil Series: Tipton Silt Loam

Soil Test: N: 17 P: 85 K: 777 pH: 6.3 Herbicide: 2 qt/ac Cinch ATZ Lite Preemergence