



## GROWER TESTIMONIAL

Hi Dean,

The forage sorghum is now about to be disced back into the soil in preparation for a re-establishment of permanent pasture again.

The trial of forage sorghum presented a few clear outcomes for us, these are:

- Valuable summer feed when annual pastures have dried off and feed quality is low and an excellent way of preparing a paddock for pasture re-establishment the following autumn. We now have a clean paddock, i.e. no weed seed set or seed carried over the summer, and lots of valuable organic matter from the stubble and root systems of the sorghum to work back into the soil before the next pasture crop.

- Grazed both weaner steers and PTIC mature cows on the crop over the summer, both adapting well

- We need to learn more about grazing management of a wilted crop as this will always be with us in this type of production area with variable summer rain.

-- **BMR Choice was the most palatable with the cattle clearly grazing this strip first, then your three other varieties; Hunnigreen, BMR Revolution and Everlush, in that order.**

**- The 4 Hylan varieties were more palatable than PAC 68 and Pacific BMR**

**- This variety selection pattern for palatability was repeated when weaner heifers were grazed on re-growth after some early showers in March/April.**

Weather conditions allowing, we will be working in a crop of forage sorghum into our pasture system each year from now on in wetter areas of the farm that are to be re-established with pasture the following year. From this, we may go on to having some of the more productive wetter areas as designated areas for a split system of forage sorghum over the late spring/summer and forage oats over the autumn/winter/early spring periods. Costs versus yields of Dry Matter/Ha calculations still need to be done on this system.

**At this stage Choice and Revolution will be our choice of varieties for the programme/systems that I have outlined above.**

Is this seed readily available in WA or do I need to order it through you and have it shipped over?

Thanks for the opportunity to try your varieties in what has been a most interesting trial for us.

I hope all is well with you in the east and that you have good rains in 2007!