



Wilder Game Food

GRAIN SORGHUM
(Sorghum bicolor)

- A good variety selected for game birds
- Resistant to weather deterioration of the grain
- Dual purpose food source for the birds and cover

WGF, Wilder Game Food Grain Sorghum was selected to accommodate the needs of upland birds (Quail, Turkey, Pheasant, and Prairie Chicken) and migratory birds (Ducks, Geese and Doves). It offers both fall and winter food sources and beneficial cover for the birds. Wilder Game Food is a medium maturity (68-74 day to midbloom) heavy grain producer. Unlike conventional hybrids, this was selected for its high grain quality, eye appeal to upland and migratory birds; thus becoming very palatable to wild game birds during the fall and winter months. The red-brown pericarp outer layer of the seed serves as a mold-and rotting-repellant during long exposure to cold and wet winter conditions. The crop residue provides an excellent cover for the birds while providing non-weathering food source as well.



Disease/Insect/Nematode Ratings:

Downy Mildew: R

Agronomic Traits:

Early Seeding Vigor:	Good
Growth Habit:	Upright with good head
Days to Midbloom:	68 to 74 days
Relative Maturity:	100-105 days
Uniformity:	Excellent
Average Plant Height:	38 to 42 inches
Standability:	Very Good

Planting Rates:

Seeds per Pound:	14,000-16,000	
Rate (Lbs.)	Dryland	Irrigated
Rows:	6	8
Drilled:	8	10

Crop Use Information:

Life Cycle:	Annual
Ease of Establishment:	Excellent
Drought Stress:	Good
Hay:	N/A
Silage:	N/A
Grazing:	N/A
Grain Palatability:	Excellent

Technical Description

Wilder Game Food Grain Sorghum Management-Production Guide:

Traits:

- Highly palatable mature grain for birds
- Easily established
- Wide area of adaptation
- Responds to a variety of weather extremes
- Winter cover for game birds

Seeding:

- Soil temperature should be at least 60 degrees F.
- WGF is usually planted between June 1st and June 20th in northern states
- Can be no-tilled into existing stubble
- Plant 1” deep
- Plant in soils with PH of 7.5 or less for best results

Harvest:

- WGF grain sorghum is usually ready for game bird feeding about 95 days after seeding

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