

## Shirohie Millet

- Dual purpose summer growing species suited to grazing and grain/silage.
- Suitable for planting when soil temperatures are  $>14^{\circ}\text{C}$ , Sowing rate 10-15kg/ha.
- Shirohie is quick to establish and can be grazed early, as soon as the plants are well anchored. Suitable grazing for both sheep and cattle.
- Ideal for marginal summer rainfall environments where a good profile of soil moisture in late spring/summer can provide a sowing opportunity.
- Millet does not contain prussic acid which can be in sorghum. Prussic acid poisons animals by inhibiting oxygen utilisation by the cells and is transported in the blood around the body — ultimately the animal will die from asphyxia.
- Shirohie is a larger, white/ grey seeded selection of the variety Japanese.
- Shirohie Millet is relatively waterlogging tolerant and prefers high fertility. It is suited to irrigation, and can tolerate moderate levels of soil salinity.

