



# PEARL MILLET

## BABALA

### Open Pollinated Variety

Babala is a tall erect, annual grass that grows 2 meters to 4 meters in height. The stems are pithy while the leaves are long-pointed. Tillers are formed freely at the base of the plant.

It is important to not that pearl millet is NOT A FORAGE SORGHUM.

Babala has a sowing time between October and January and should be sown only after all danger of frost is past, in warm soils, preferably above 18 degrees Centigrade, for best germination. Babala likes hot conditions to grow in.

Its seeding rate is as follows:

Dryland            10-15kg/ha drilled in rows  
                         15-25kg/ha depending on rainfall

Irrigated           20-25kg/ha drilled rows  
                         25-30kg/ha broadcast

Sow seed to an average depth of half a centimeter under soil surface, roll well to ensure good germination.

Babala is well adapted to both sandy and clay soils, tolerating acid and wetter soils better than forage sorghum.

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- Well adapted to both sandy and clay soil conditions
- Pithy stems with long-pointed stems

